

# Early childhood education and care: A foundation for a fair and productive society

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Poverty drags on Canada's economic growth but income inequity also erodes social cohesion and the foundations of democracy. High-quality, early childhood education and care hold some of the solutions to these pressing problems. Early education is an effective intervention, playing multiple roles promoting parents' labour force participation, women's equity, immigrant settlement and poverty reduction.

A new study by the Conference Board of Canada documents how the development of the essential skills that quality early education provides contributes to children completing high school and succeeding in post-secondary education.

Hear Craig Alexander, senior vice president and chief economist for the Conference Board of Canada, discuss how the skills needed for a more innovative and productive economy also equip individuals to better engage as citizens in a democratic society.



## Please join us

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TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

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