Early Childhood Education Report

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Established in 2011, the Early Childhood Education Report is released every three years to evaluate the quality of provincial/territorial early years services in Canada against a 15-point-scale. Results are populated from detailed profiles of each jurisdiction. The report is organized around 5 categories with 19 benchmarks forming a common set of minimum criteria contributing to the delivery of quality programming.
The OECD released its report Starting Strong II. Canada exposed as a policy laggard in ECEC. The Early Years 3 study laid the groundwork for Canadian children and recommendations to improve the quality of ECEC services. The Early Childhood Education Report 2014 reported on cross-jurisdictional improvements in ECEC. The third status report takes a snapshot of ECEC across Canada and sees improvements in all jurisdictions.
Benchmarks of Quality
Governance

Funding

Access

Learning Environment

Accountability

Gaps & Direct Advocacy
In recent years, we have seen a steady investment in ECEC services across the country.
Funding
overall funding
Access
% 2-4 year olds in ECE

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% 2-4 year olds in ECE
Only three jurisdictions have funding that is conditional on including children with special needs.
Integrated Governance
New Brunswick is the only jurisdiction with a common local service authority.
Only three jurisdictions have a mandated salary and fee scale in licensed child care.
All provinces now have an early learning curriculum
Almost all provinces have ECE programs aligned with kindergarten.
## Accountability

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Only **three** provinces have facility standards for ECE programs that include kindergarten.
Canada has come a long way since the OECDs report in 2006.

Our results showcase the improvements made across the country, with some jurisdictions making leaps forward in their investments in ECE.
What Next?

Roundtable discussion with P/T officials about steps moving forward
What Next?
For more information and detailed provincial and territorial profiles log on at [ECEReport.ca](http://ECEReport.ca)
Thank you!

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