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Special Chiefs Assembly

December 5-7, 2023

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DIALOGUE SESSION

First Nations Early Learning and Child Care Funding Allocation Model Dialogue Session and Technical Update

*Monday, December 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST
Room 208, Shaw Centre*

SESSION DESCRIPTION:

The dialogue session will provide an update on the AFN's work to develop a funding allocation model for the federal budget for First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) until 2027-28. This dialogue session will include an opportunity for participants to discuss the future of First Nations ELCC, including priorities for First Nations ELCC funding. The dialogue session will also provide a technical briefing on the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy's (IFSD) research on First Nations ELCC funding allocation models and an overview of future work needed in this field.

Background:

In 2018, the Government of Canada invested \$1.02 billion over ten years in First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) to support strategic investments in First Nations-identified priorities for ELCC programs, services, governance and more. In the 2020 Fall Economic Statement and Budget 2021, the Government of Canada invested \$878.53 million over five years in First Nations ELCC programs and services, major capital, repairs and renovations, and capacity building. These funds are subject to the direction of First Nations leadership by way of a resolution to allocate funds to each region. The First Nations-in-Assembly have called for the development of a First Nations ELCC funding allocation model through Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolutions 59/2018, 64/2019, 20/2020, and most recently 05/2021, Allocation of Early Learning and Child Care Investments in Budget 2021

Speakers:

Sempúlyan Gonzales, AFN Knowledge Keeper,
Stephanie Wellman, AFN Director of Social Development, Facilitator
Dr. Helaina Gaspard, Director of Governance and Institution, IFSD
Dr. Mostafa Askari, Chief Economist, IFSD



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AGENDA:

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Time	Agenda Item	Leads
5 mins	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Sempúyan Gonzales
5 mins	Welcome and Introductions	Facilitator Stephanie Wellman AFN Director, Social Development
5 mins	Background and Overview of First Nations ELCC	Stephanie Wellman
20 mins	Research and Development of a First Nations ELCC Funding Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of IFSD’s research findings • Presentation of options for First Nations ELCC funding allocation • Discussion on future research 	Dr. Helaina Gaspard Director, Governance and Institutions, IFSD Dr. Mostafa Askari, Chief Economist, IFSD
15 mins	Discussion and Questions	Stephanie Wellman
5 mins	Next Steps and Priorities for First Nations ELCC	Stephanie Wellman
5 mins	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Sempúyan Gonzales