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DIALOGUE SESSIONS



First Nations Early Learning and Child Care Funding Allocation Model

Monday, July 8, 2024 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

ROOM 512GH | Palais des congrès

Session Description:

In 2018, the Government of Canada invested \$1.02 billion over 10 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 5 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 several Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolutions including, most recently, Resolution 05/2021, *Allocation of Early Learning and Child Care Investments in Budget 2021*.

The purpose of the dialogue session is to provide an update on the AFN's work to develop a funding allocation model for First Nations ELCC. The dialogue session will provide a background and overview of the research conducted by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD) on First Nations ELCC funding allocation models and an overview of future work needed in this field. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the funding allocation recommendation made by the National Expert Working Group (NEWG) on First Nations ELCC, and learn about the AFN's upcoming work on ELCC, including on evaluation, results, and communications.

Speakers:

AFN Acting Director of Social Development Lauren Doxtater (Facilitator)

AFN Interim Regional Chief and Social Development Portfolio Holder, Sheldon Kent

AFN Senior Policy Analyst, Jessica Quinn



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Time	Agenda Item	Leads
5 minutes	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Sempulyan Stewart Gonzales
5 minutes	Welcome and Introductions	Lauren Doxtater
5 minutes	Opening Remarks	Interim Regional Chief Sheldon Kent
10 minutes	Background and Overview of First Nations ELCC Funding Allocation	Jessica Quinn
45 minutes	Question and Answer Period	Lauren Doxtater
10 minutes	Next Steps and Work Ahead	Lauren Doxtater
5 minutes	Concluding Thoughts	Interim Regional Chief Sheldon Kent
5 minutes	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Sempulyan Stewart