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

Background and Overview of First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC)

Monday, December 5, 2023



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National First Nations ELCC Policy Framework



Vision: Happy and healthy First Nations children and families are supported by a regionally-driven ELCC system rooted in Indigenous languages and cultures, governed by First Nations.



Guiding Principles:



Indigenous knowledges, languages and cultures



First Nations governance



Quality programs and services



Inclusive, accessible and flexible



Transparent and accountable



Collaborations and partnerships



Capacity development



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Federal Investments in First Nations ELCC

- In 2018, the Government of Canada invested \$1.02 billion over 10 years in First Nations 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, \$878.53 million over 5 years was invested in First Nations ELCC, including programs and services, major capital, repairs and renovations, and capacity-building.



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First Nations ELCC Funding Model Progress and Next Steps

- In accordance with several AFN resolutions regarding the funding allocation model, including AFN Resolutions 59/2018, 64/2019, 20/2020 and 05/2021, the AFN has retained the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD) to undertake research with First Nations to develop a First Nations-specific funding model for ELCC.
- Timeline:
 - **April – September 2023:** Research underway
 - **June – September 2023:** Continued discussions with NEWG and regions towards the development of recommendations for NEWG consideration
 - **September – December 2023:** Engagement in regions on funding allocation model options
 - **March 2024:** NEWG identifies recommendation
 - **July 2024:** Return to First Nations-in-Assembly for approval of recommendation