# **EARLY LEARNING DATA COLLECTION**

## COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS FOR EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

# **Quick Reference**

#### Who must submit Early Learning data?

This data must be submitted by:

• Approved early learning programs (as per the School Act, section 86(5))

#### When must the Early Learning data be compiled and submitted to the Ministry?

July 10 (attendance for July through June for the previous year)

### What information is collected for Early Learning?

The Early Learning data collection includes the following information about children participating in early learning programs:

- name, birth date, gender, and postal code
- daily attendance

#### Why is the submission of Early Learning data important?

The Early Learning Data Collection is required under the School and Student Data Collection Order (M304/07). Under this order school boards are responsible for collecting and submitting the information to the Ministry.

The collected information is critical for:

- monitoring the activity levels of each program
- tracking the long term effectiveness of Early Learning programs on student achievement.

### **Submitting the Early Learning Data to the Ministry**

The Ministry will accept Early Learning data files via MyEducation BC only. Processes have been set up for this information to be transferred to the Ministry via a secure data exchange method.

#### If you need assistance

Technical questions about the Early Learning Data in MyEducation BC should be directed to your District Level 1 contact person.

Questions about early learning programs should be directed to: <a href="mailto:EDUC.EarlyLearning@gov.bc.ca">EDUC.EarlyLearning@gov.bc.ca</a> or to Renee Wentland, Learning Division, Phone (250) 886-6883