

B.C. Early Learning Framework: Resource List¹

The B.C. Early Learning Framework is designed primarily for use by early childhood educators, primary school teachers, principals and vice-principals, college and university educators, researchers, post-secondary students in early childhood and elementary education programs, pedagogists, other early years professionals, communities, governments, and families. Parents and caregivers may find the framework useful in their efforts to foster their children's early learning, and in their dialogues with professionals.

This list provides suggested resources complementary to the framework. For more information on early learning in BC, you can visit: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/earlylearning>

Aboriginal Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Programs that support early childhood educators and families throughout BC by providing information, outreach, resource lending libraries, networking, and learning opportunities

<https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/services/aboriginal-child-care-resource-and-referral-program/>

Aboriginal Infant Development Program Practice Guide

Revised in 2016, this manual supports, guides, and encourages professionals in the field of Indigenous infant development

<http://aidp.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/AIDP-Manual-2016-Final.pdf>

Aboriginal Head Start Association of BC

Information about the nonprofit society dedicated to excellence in Indigenous early childhood education. Free resources for educators including Aboriginal Head Start principles and guidelines, Kindergarten transitions toolkit, and posters

<https://www.ahsabc.com/>

Aboriginal Supported Child Development

Information on the Aboriginal Supported Child Development (ASCD) program designed to specifically support Indigenous children with special needs

<http://ascdp.bc.ca/>

Audit of the Education of Aboriginal Students in the BC Public School System

This audit by the Auditor General of BC looked at whether the Ministry of Education led the school system to meet the government's commitment to close the gaps in education outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students

<http://www.bcauditor.com/pubs/2015/audit-education-aboriginal-students-bc-public-school-system>

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Appetite to Play

Provides healthy eating and physical activity recommended practices and practice support resources for early years providers to use in a variety of settings including child care programs, family-based child care, preschool, and parent participation programs

<https://www.appetitetoplay.com/>

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

Provides support to Indigenous communities to develop high quality, culturally respectful, spiritually enriching, community child care services that are based on the child's culture, language, and history

www.acc-society.bc.ca/

BC Centre for Ability

Provides community-based services that enhance the quality of life for children, youth and adults with disabilities and their families in ways that facilitate and build competencies and foster inclusion in all aspects of life

<http://bc-cfa.org/>

BC Council for Families

Offers training, resources, and publications designed to strengthen and support families

www.bccf.ca/

BC Family Child Care Association

Provides a vital link for family child care providers on a provincial level to secure funding and support for education and training

www.bcfcca.ca/

BCGEU guide to First Nations acknowledgment, protocol and terminology

A guide to protocols and information on complex reconciliation efforts including how to acknowledge a territory or treaty on which a gathering takes place, First Nations social practices, and terminology

<https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/bcgeu/pages/8498/attachments/original/1539118086/FNguide-GEU-oct2018.pdf>

BC Health Authorities

Connect to the local health authority for questions related to nutrition, hearing, dental, speech, immunization, or overall health development

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/health-authorities>

BC Health Guide Online

HealthLink BC provides access to non-emergency health information and advice in BC
www.healthlinkbc.ca/

Information and advice are available by telephone, a website, a mobile app, and a collection of print resources, including the BC HealthGuide Handbook

Information on BC's incredible system of provincial parks including beaches, forests, caves and rivers
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/visiting/>

Canadian Paediatric Society: Literacy resources for physicians

Extensive list of literacy resources, including Canadian resources and organizations
www.cps.ca/en/tools-outils/literacy-resources-for-physicians

Child Care in BC

Provides information for families on affordable, accessible and quality child care
<http://childcare.gov.bc.ca/>

Child Care Resource and Referral

Offers quality child care and community referrals, resources, and support to child care providers and families in every community across BC
<http://www.ccr.bc.ca/>

Confident and Curious: Early Learning and Curriculum Framework

Nova Scotia's vision for early learning and curriculum
<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/docs/nsecurriculumframework.pdf>

Decoda Literacy Solutions

Provincial literacy organization in BC focused on supporting community-based literacy programs providing resources for parents and caregivers
www.decoda.ca/

Early Childhood Development Framework and Action Plan

Northwest Territories' vision for early childhood development
https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/sites/ece/files/resources/ecd_framework_and_action_plan-_final_-_mar_2014.pdf

Early Childhood Educators of BC

Provides professional development opportunities, training, and resources for early childhood educators across the province

www.ecebc.ca/

Early Childhood Educator Registry

The legislated authority responsible for the certification of early childhood educators (ECEs) and ECE assistants, the recommended approval of post-secondary educational institutions offering early childhood education programs, and the investigation of practice concerns regarding ECEs and ECE assistants in B.C.

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/training-and-professional-development/become-an-early-childhood-educator

Early Learning and Childhood Framework

Newfoundland Labrador's vision for early learning and childhood

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eecd/files/Early-Learning-Framework.pdf>

Early Learning for Every Child Today: A framework for Ontario early childhood settings

Ontario's vision for early childhood settings

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/oelf/continuum/continuum.pdf>

Early Returns: Manitoba's Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework for Preschool Centres and Nursery Schools

Manitoba's vision for early learning and child care

https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/resources/pubs/early_returns.pdf

Family Support Institute of BC

Information on the organization designed to strengthen, connect and build communities and resources with families of people with disabilities in BC

<http://familysupportbc.com/>

Find Support BC

Connects families of persons with disabilities with the resources available to them

www.findsupportbc.com

First Nations Early Childhood Development Framework

A discussion paper that describes the context for the creation of a First Nations Early Childhood Development (ECD) framework and the Framework itself

<http://www.fnesc.ca/Attachments/ECD/ECD%20Consultation%20Document%20Dec%202017%2009.pdf>

First Nations Education Steering Committee

Works to advance quality education for all First Nations students in BC and to support communities in their efforts to improve the success of First Nations students

www.fnesc.ca/

Learning First Peoples Classroom Resources

<http://www.fnesc.ca/learningfirstpeoples/>

Primary Resources

<http://www.fnesc.ca/learningfirstpeoples/k-3/>

Authentic First Peoples Resources

<http://www.fnesc.ca/authenticresources/>

Science First Peoples

<http://www.fnesc.ca/science-first-peoples/>

First Nations Schools Association of BC

Information on the First Nations Schools Association which collaborates with First Nations schools to create nurturing environments that develop learners' pride and competence in their Indigenous language and heritage and will equip them to realize their full potential, within self-governing First Nations communities

<http://www.fnsa.ca/>

First People's Language Map of BC

An interactive map for BC's 203 Indigenous languages

<http://maps.fphlcc.ca/>

Includes indexes of all the languages, First Nations and Community Champions First Voices

A suite of web-based tools and services designed to support Indigenous language archiving, language teaching and culture revitalization

<https://www.firstvoices.com/>

Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework

Alberta's vision for early learning and care

<https://flightframework.ca/downloads/Flight%20Framework%20Document%20F.pdf>

Gabriel Dumont Institute

An organization dedicated to the renewal and development of Métis culture through research, materials development, collection and distribution of those materials and the design, development and delivery of Métis-specific educational programs and services

<https://gdins.org/>

Healthy Families BC

Articles and videos to support healthy families including parenting, nutrition, active living, and well-being

www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca/

Inclusion BC

A nonprofit federation working with partners to build community and to enhance the lives of children and youth with special needs, adults with intellectual disabilities and their families by supporting abilities, promoting action and advancing rights, responsibilities and social justice

www.inclusionbc.org

Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework

Full text of the Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework which represents the Government of Canada and Indigenous peoples' work to co-develop a transformative Indigenous framework that reflects the unique cultures, aspirations and needs of First Nations, Inuit and Métis children across Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/indigenous-early-learning/2018-framework.html>

Inuit Early Childhood Development Strategy

The Inuit Early Childhood Development (ECD) Strategy places Inuit children's development, health and safety, in first place and recognizes the need for Inuit from across Inuit Nunangat (Inuit Homeland) in Canada, to have a formal mechanism by which to convene in the interest of Inuit children

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/indigenous-early-learning/2018-framework.html#h2.7>

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

The National Representational Organization Protecting and Advancing the Rights and Interests of Inuit in Canada

<https://www.itk.ca/>

Inunnguiniq: Caring for children the Inuit way

Description of the key tenets of Inuit worldview related to Inunnguiniq, the process by which it is taught to children, why it is so critical that Inunnguiniq be revitalized in Inuit communities today, and the potential impact of using it as a foundation for Inuit child development policy and programs

<http://www.ottawainuitchildrens.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Inuit-caring-EN-web.pdf>

Jordan's Principle

Informs families and coordinates services to ensure First Nations children can access all public resources in a way that is reflective of their distinct cultural needs, takes full account of the historical disadvantage linked to colonization, and without experiencing any service denials, delays or disruptions because they are First Nations

www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/services/jordans-principle.html

The LOVIT Way

Description of and resources for the LOVIT Way: a nurturing process of learning to witness the value in early learning programs, to share inspiring ways of integrating cultural curriculum with a holistic approach, and to self-assess and celebrate how educators are growing and excelling

Includes tools, resources, and exercises created specifically by Aboriginal Head Start staff to reflect the cultural context of their programs, and involves the entire Aboriginal Head Start community in the process

<http://www.thelovitway.ca/>

Meeting Early Childhood Needs: Québec's Educational Program for Childcare Services Update

Quebec's vision for early childhood education programs and child care services

<https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/en/services-de-garde/rsg/programme-educatif/Pages/objectifs-et-principes.aspx>

Métis Nation BC

Provides culturally relevant social and economic programs and services for the nearly 90,000 self-identified Métis people in BC

<https://www.mnbc.ca/>

Métis Early Years Programs

A program through Métis Nation BC that connects Métis families to their community and culture and links them to early years programs and services in their communities

<https://www.mnbc.ca/metis-early-years>

Michif Legacy Project

Interactive Michif language resource site that includes videos and games

<http://michif.com/>

Ministry of Children and Family Development's Early Years Indigenous Cultural Safety Resource Guide

A guide for Early Childhood Educators who work with Indigenous children, families, and communities to help find appropriate and meaningful resources that will increase their ability to provide culturally safe and respectful care

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/ics_resource_guide.pdf

My Booklet BC

A free online tool that families and people with disabilities can use to create a beautiful and personalized information booklet for a loved one or for themselves

www.mybookletbc.com

National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health

A national organization established in 2005 by the Government of Canada and funded through the Public Health Agency of Canada to support First Nations, Inuit, and Métis public health renewal and health equity through knowledge translation and exchange

<https://www.nccah-ccnsa.ca/en/>

New Brunswick Curriculum Framework for Early Learning and Child Care

New Brunswick's vision for early learning and child care

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/elcc/content/curriculum/curriculum_framework.html

NewToBC

The Library Link for Newcomers, NewToBC develops, updates and disseminates library and settlement information resources for new immigrants

<http://newtobc.ca/>

Parent-Child Mother Goose Program

Provides an up-to-date list of Parent-Child Mother Goose programs as well as information about receiving the Parent-Child Mother Goose certification

<http://nationalpcmgp.ca/>

Public Libraries in BC

Connect with a local library, join the summer reading club, and find literacy activities
www.gov.bc.ca/publiclibraries

The Reading Tree

A guide for parents and caregivers for supporting early literacy, translated into ten languages
www.vpl.ca/kids/the-reading-tree

The Roots of Reading

Vancouver Public Library's online video series for parents and caregivers of young children, featuring information and activities for adults and children to enjoy together
www.vpl.ca/kids/the-roots-of-reading

Thompson Rivers University, Indigenous Protocols

Resources to serve as a guide to understanding tradition and protocol in most Indigenous communities - although similar protocols are observed within many Indigenous communities, each community can differ in their traditions and protocols; therefore, it is essential to explore the appropriate approach for each community
https://www.tru.ca/indigenous/indigenous-education-team/resources/faculty/ab_proto.html

San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Training

Information about San'yas: Indigenous Cultural Safety Program delivered by the Provincial Health Authorities in BC

Cultural safety is about fostering a climate where the unique history of Indigenous peoples is recognized and respected in order to provide appropriate care and services in an equitable and safe way, without discrimination
<http://www.sanyas.ca/>

StrongStart BC

Join a local StrongStart BC program, an early learning program that provides rich learning environments designed to develop language, physical, cognitive, social, and emotional skills
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/programs/strongstart-bc>

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

Full text of the final report from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada which calls on governments, educational and religious institutions, civil society groups and all Canadians to take action on the 94 Calls to Action it identified
http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf



United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Full text of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for which Canada has committed to a renewed, nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples based on recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership, and rooted in the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

The Village Workshop Series

Information on experiential reconciliation workshops

<http://villageworkshopseries.com/>

Welcome BC – The Newcomer’s Guide

Provides information for newcomer families to help settle in BC including information on finding a place to live, language services and resources to help families settle using public transportation, registering children in school, opening a bank account, applying for a BC Services card and finding medical services

<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Start-Your-Life-in-B-C/Newcomers-Guides/Newcomers-Guide-Provincial>