



About the Awards

The Child Care Awards of Excellence honour the outstanding achievements of individuals, organizations and local governments who provide or support the delivery of exceptional early care and learning (ECL) services. Excellence in the field is demonstrated in how professionals and organizations engage and support children's development and demonstrate their commitment to improving and enhancing relationships with children, families and community.

Award Categories

Nominations are being accepted in the following **FIVE** categories:

Provincial:

One award per region (North, Interior, Fraser, Vancouver Coastal, Vancouver Island) will recognize ECL professionals or teams who work in child care settings across the province and demonstrate excellence in at least one of the following areas:

- Working collaboratively with others
- Creating cultural safety through culturally competent practice and inclusion of Indigenous language, culture and traditions
- Ensuring inclusion/encouraging diversity
- Supporting community efforts
- Continuous improvement

Indigenous:

The Lenora Pritchard Award of Excellence recognizes an Indigenous early care and learning professional who is an excellent role model and mentor, or who works to promote leadership in an early care and learning setting.

Innovation:

One award will recognize an ECL professional, team or organization that puts unique and creative ideas into action.

Partnerships:

Two awards will recognize a local government and business that demonstrates excellence in partnering with the early care and learning sector to ensure the support and/or delivery of services, ensuring inclusion/encouraging diversity, supporting community efforts, and continuous improvement.

Leadership:

Four awards will honour early care and learning professionals:

General Leadership: professionals who have shown leadership in the field, their communities, with families or with serving underserved or vulnerable communities.

Emerging Leaders: professionals with a maximum of three years' experience in the field.

Lifetime Achievement: professionals who have been leaders in the field for over 20 years.

Inclusive Practices: ECL professionals who have shown excellence and leadership in providing inclusive practices with children and families.

The Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee, comprised of representatives from organizations dedicated to supporting child development and child care, as well as staff from the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Award recipients will be contacted after the committee has completed their selection process.

Nomination Requirements

To be eligible, all nominations must:

- Be in good standing with the ECE Registry and/or Community Care Licensing, and consent to having their information shared with those bodies for verification of standings.
- Submit a completed nomination form (signed by both the nominator and the nominee). By signing the nomination form, each nominee:
 - Accepts the nomination
 - Consents to the use of their name and nomination material in any awards-related publicity from the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and to participating in any award-related activities, in the event that he or she is selected as an award recipient.

Note: In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, personal information is protected from unauthorized use and disclosure. The information requested will be used for the purpose of administering the Child Care Awards of Excellence.

- A 500-word statement describing what the nominee has done (or does) to show leadership, excellence and professionalism in the selected category. Please be as descriptive as possible; photos may be used to highlight the nomination.
- Two letters of support, one personal and one professional, from a parent /guardian, colleague, community agency/organization, explaining why the nominee should be considered for the award.

Other Nomination Criteria

Award nominees must reside in British Columbia, be a local government enacted under the laws of British Columbia, or hold a current business license to operate in British Columbia.

Award nominations can be made by individuals/parents/teams/programs; local governments may self-nominate.

Nominators may not be a member of the Awards Selection Committee.

Previous award recipients are now eligible for a Lifetime Achievement Award, as long as they have not won in this category in a previous year.



Deadline: Midnight July 29, 2018

Nominator Information

First Name:
Last Name:
Address:
City/ Town:
Postal Code:
Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):
Email address:

I have read the nomination requirements and believe the nominee meets all the nomination criteria.

Nominator's Signature:
Date:

Nominee Information

Name(s):
Program Name:
Mailing Address:
City/ Town:
Postal Code:
Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):
Email address:

I accept the nomination.

Nominee's Signature:
Date:

I consent to the sharing of my information for the purposes of verifying that my ECE certification and/or Community Care Licence are in good standing.

Award Category (please check one only)

- PROVINCIAL INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS LEADERSHIP INDIGENOUS

How to Apply

Please submit completed nomination form and supporting materials by midnight July 29, 2018 by email (preferred) or mail to:

CHILD CARE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
Ministry of Children and Family Development
Policy and Provincial Services PO Box 9778
Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9S5

Email: EarlyYears@gov.bc.ca

Checklist

HAVE YOU:

- Fully completed the nomination form?
Attached a 500-word statement describing what makes the nominee excellent in their award category?
Attached two letters of support: 1 personal and 1 professional?