Annex 2

2020-2021 British Columbia – Early Learning and Child Care Action Plan

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, British Columbia’s ability to deliver on the initiatives outlined in the 2020-2021 Action Plan may be affected. As such, the targets may not be achieved and expenditures may differ.

This update to BC’s Action Plan invests BC’s 2020-2021 notional allocation\(^1\) under the ELCC Framework of $52.37M to maintaining existing programs that are increasing child care affordability and enhancing equity through targeted investment in underserved communities. The following two initiatives previously included under BC’s Action Plan for 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 are not included in the 2020-2021 Action Plan:

1. Early Care and Learning Partnerships – Capital ($13.7M budget in 2017-2018)
   a. BC partnered with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to support local governments to develop new child care spaces. An additional $4.8M was added in 2019-2020. This funding was provided to UBCM to work with local governments and provide grants of up to $1M to create new child care spaces for children ages 0-5. Through two program intakes, 15 projects creating 377 new spaces have been funded by UBCM with $12.7M. Several other projects are still under review for the remaining funding, and UBCM’s final space creation numbers are not expected until later in the year. Initial program analysis indicates that the limited amount of funding available to local governments to create more expensive 0-5 spaces impacted the number of spaces participating local governments could create and likely limited local government interest in the program.

   a. This investment increased the level of available support for young parents under the Province’s Affordable Child Care Benefit. The Province has maintained the increased level of support in 2020-2021 under the provincial budget allocation for the Affordable Child Care Benefit and has re-allocated the $1M annually in federal funding to provide enhanced support to the Universal Child Care Prototype Sites initiative. As of August 2019, there were 26 facilities offering Young Parent Programs across BC. The federal investment in YPP in the 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 ELCC Agreement supported approximately 91 young parent families and 97 unique children to receive enhanced funding of $1,500/month (from
the previous maximum of $1,000/month) and wrap around services including housing supports, nutrition and health education supports, counselling, transportation, and community referrals per month.

**British Columbia’s Priority Areas for Investment:**

BC’s priority areas of investments under this updated Action Plan are to continue to:

1. Maintain increased affordability of child care, prioritizing facilities offering care to Infants and Toddlers; and
2. Maintain enhanced equity through targeted investment in underserved communities – Indigenous families and families with children with extra support needs.

These investments will maintain current space numbers and levels of service throughout 2020-2021 and will not aim to increase spaces or service levels this year. This will ensure no service impacts for families currently accessing services.

The continued investments made possible by this federal partnership will not displace existing provincial funding. British Columbia will continue its current investments across the continuum of ELCC programs and services, including the provincial initiatives and priorities outlined in the Childcare BC Plan. These initiatives will continue to support the Province’s commitment to transitioning to a universal child care system that will provide affordable, accessible and quality child care to every family who wants or needs it, starting with infant/toddler programs.

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<tr>
<th>Initiative</th>
<th>Targeted improvement</th>
<th>2020-2021 ($M)</th>
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<td>Early Care and Learning Prototype Sites – Operations</td>
<td>Affordability</td>
<td>31.00</td>
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<td>Indigenous child care</td>
<td>Underserved communities</td>
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<td>Children with extra support needs</td>
<td>Underserved communities</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>ECE Bursaries</td>
<td>ECE Professional Development</td>
<td>3.84²</td>
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<td><strong>Total Invested (including $2.47M in 2019-2020 carry-over)</strong></td>
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**Priority 1: Affordable Child Care**

**Early Care and Learning Prototype Sites** – continue to decrease child care fees through maintained operational grants to child care providers

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² Includes $1.37M in 2020-2021 funding and $2.47M in carry-over funds from BC’s 2019-2020 ELCC Agreement.
offering infant/toddler care.

**Investment:**
2020-2021: $31M

**Addressed pressure:**
Evidence shows that cities in BC have the second highest child care fees in the country, with higher median fees found only in communities in Ontario.⁴

Child care fees are the highest for infants and toddlers (up to age three), reflecting the more intensive care required for younger children. In 2019-2020, the median monthly child care fees for infants and toddlers (up to 35 months old) in licensed group facilities in receipt of Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) was over $1,000 in most regions of the province.⁵

Through the Childcare BC Prototype Sites, enhanced operating funding is provided to existing child care operators, conditional on their reducing parent fees to a maximum of $200/month per child.

**The mechanism:**
Through the Canada-BC ELCC Agreement (2017-2018 to 2019-2020), British Columbia modelled the introduction of universal child care by investing $60 million over two years to convert 53⁶ existing licensed child care facilities into Universal Child Care Prototype Sites (Prototype Sites). The priority for the program was supporting infant and toddler spaces (i.e., for children under 3 years).⁷ Families accessing the Prototype Sites pay a maximum of $200 per month, per child for regular full-time care. Some families receive additional support through the Province’s Affordable Child Care Benefit and pay less than $200 per month to no fee at all.

Prototype Sites include some spaces for school-age children (18%) as well some multi-age facilities⁸ who are licensed to care for children birth to age 12 years (2%). BC received approval for these sites from the Federal Government in September 2018 and these sites continue to participate in the initiative.

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³ Represents a $1M increase in the 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 budget. The additional $1M is intended to offset rising cost pressures at the sites (e.g. inflationary costs, mandated wage increases under collective agreements, etc.).


⁵ Median fees are based on 2019-2020 data from BC’s CCOF Program.

⁶ One site has ceased operations as of January 2020, bringing the 2020-2021 number of sites to 52.

⁷ The 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 ELCC Agreement targeted 1,786 licensed infant/toddler spaces only. This was renegotiated to prioritize infant/toddler spaces, and to also include 3-5 year and a small number of school-age spaces. Changing the age groups enabled an increase in spaces to over 2,500.

⁸ It is not possible to determine the exact age breakdown of children accessing services from these facilities.
With continued ELCC investment, BC will maintain an increased level of operational support for the existing Prototype Sites, totaling $31M in 2020-2021. Funding to administer low-cost spaces will continue to be provided to existing child care operators who are willing to provide low-cost care up to $200/month per child, regardless of families' incomes. The focus of funding in 2020-2021 is on ensuring no service impacts for families accessing current Prototype Sites.

Therefore, the funding will not be used to expand the number of facilities participating in the initiative in 2020-2021. The Ministry has contracted with R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. (Malatest) to conduct an arms-length evaluation of the Prototype Sites initiative, to gather information and evidence from participating child care providers, their staff, and the families they serve to better understand the impacts of low or no cost child care for families and to inform future funding models. In Summer 2020, the Ministry will receive a final report from the evaluator, including Return on Investment/Social Return on Investment (ROI/SROI) analysis and recommendations for future roll-out of low-cost child care.

**Impacts:**

With an investment of $31M in 2020-2021, estimations project Prototype Sites will maintain current supports for more than 2,500 licensed child care spaces offering low- or no-cost care to approximately 2,900 children, exceeding the program's initial target (under the 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 ELCC Agreement) of 1,768 full-time spaces.

For families, access to affordable child care is simplified by subsidizing care through the operators. Families do not need to apply to access the low-cost spaces, with fees limited to $200/month (though eligible families may apply to receive additional benefits through the provincial Affordable Child Care Benefit, further lowering their cost of care).

The current selection of the Prototype Sites reflects the diversity of B.C.'s geography, populations and parent needs, with specific consideration being given to providers that serve Indigenous families, single-parent families, families in underserved communities, and parents working non-standard hours.
**Indicator of success:**

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<tr>
<th>Impact of Universal Child Care Prototypes</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of children with reduced costs ($10/day care) due to ELCC investments</td>
<td>Number of children accessing no-cost child care due to combination of ELCC investment and provincial investments through BC's Affordable Child Care Benefit</td>
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<td>2,900&lt;sup&gt;9&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>800&lt;sup&gt;10&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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**COVID-19 Update**

In the first quarter of 2020-2021, Prototype Sites needed to make individual decisions regarding whether to remain open or to temporarily close in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and in accordance with advice from BC's Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control. BC adjusted funding and requirements to support the Prototype Sites during the pandemic, as follows:

- Prototype Sites that remained open, with a priority on providing care for essential service workers, continued to receive regular operational funding, regardless of reduced enrolments<sup>11</sup>, until September 2020. These Prototype Sites were required to not charge fees for families who temporarily withdrew their children due to COVID-19 concerns and reserve spaces for enrolled families to re-access by September 2020.

- Prototype Sites that temporarily closed due to COVID-19 were eligible for reduced monthly funding until September 2020 to cover fixed costs (e.g. rent/lease, etc.) so that they may reopen without delay when able.

The number of open and closed Prototype Sites has fluctuated over the first quarter of 2019-2020. For example, 11 sites were closed in mid-April 2020 and 41 sites remained open. By mid-July 2020, 50 Prototype Sites remain open and 2 Prototype Sites remain closed due to COVID-19. BC will include details regarding the amount of expenditures that were directed to both open and closed Prototype Sites and the number of spaces/families impacted through the annual report on progress required.

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<sup>9</sup> Based on maintaining supports for children accessing reduced/no-cost care in December 2019. Based on self-reported data from Prototype Sites.

<sup>10</sup> Number of children accessing no-cost child care is included in the number of children with access to reduced cost child care. The number of children accessing no-cost child care fluctuates based on the individual characteristics/demographics of the families accessing care at the Prototype Sites that also meet the eligibility requirements for the provincial Affordable Child Care Benefit, (e.g. eligible annual household income, demonstrated reason for care, etc.).

<sup>11</sup> Under the terms/conditions of their 2019-2020 funding agreement with the Province, Prototype Sites were required to maintain enrolments above identified thresholds in order to maintain eligibility for their funding levels. Sites experiencing a sustained reduction in enrolments would have their funding levels adjusted to better reflect actual enrolments. During the first quarter of 2020-2021 and in response to COVID-19, these enrolments requirements were relaxed in order to ensure Sites were able to maintain operations, even in the event they experienced a drop in regular enrolments.
under this agreement.

Priority 2: Underserved Communities

Expand culturally-based Indigenous child care.

Investment:
2020-2021: $10M

Addressed pressure:
Indigenous children make up nine per cent of the children in BC. While the overall number of Indigenous children is low, these children and their families are more likely than non-Indigenous families to face barriers in accessing child care and are more likely to live in economically vulnerable situations. For example, 6 out of 10 Indigenous children live with both parents compared to 8 out of 10 non-Indigenous children.12 Indigenous children accounted for 7.7 per cent of all children aged 0 to 4 years, but they accounted for more than one-half (51.2 per cent) of all foster children aged 0-4 years.

The Aboriginal Head Start (AHS) program provides an ideal evidence-based platform for early learning and child care programming for children aged 0-6 years and their families. Using a culturally relevant curriculum that includes language and culture, nutrition, school readiness and social supports, AHS provides wrap around family support and inclusion services at no cost to Indigenous families. AHS sites provide child care for children aged 0-3 years and from 3-5 years, as well as preschool and drop-in/outreach services; AHS spaces are not offered to children over the age of 6. The AHS model of child care that couples capital investments with on-going operational funding offers a model of Indigenous-led child care for a holistic approach with wrap around services for Indigenous families.

A $30M three-year investment was directed to the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Aboriginal Head Start Association BC (AHSABC) to support the expansion of the Aboriginal Head Start Program through the 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 ELCC Agreement. Both capital and operational funding to support space creation and operations were allocated. FNHA received $3.5M per year and AHSABC received $6.5M per year from 2017-2020.

FNHA allocated funding to communities most in need based on population and current resources, and AHSABC selected communities based on demonstrated need and readiness to build and operate AHS programs. Preliminary estimates suggested that approximately 590 families would benefit from new child care spaces created through enhancements to culturally based Indigenous child care by 2019-2020. After operationalizing this funding, this target has been exceeded with

12 Diverse family characteristics of Aboriginal children aged 0 to 4, Canada census 2016
643 spaces in 31 communities created, the demand for AHS initial call for applications came from over 120 communities. A total of 480 of the 643 spaces are currently operating. FNHA operates 19 sites with 340 planned spaces and AHSABC operates 12 sites with 303 spaces throughout the province.

The focus of funding in 2020-2021 is on ensuring no service impacts for families accessing current AHS Sites. Therefore, the funding will not be used to expand the number of facilities participating in the initiative in 2020-2021.

The mechanism:
British Columbia will continue directing $3.5M to FNHA and $6.5M to AHSABC to continue with the AHS services in on and off-reserve communities. FNHA and AHSABC work collaboratively to provide oversight and quality assurance, support capacity development and training in AHS sites. With continued ELCC investment, AHSABC and FNHA will provide ongoing operational funding for the existing AHS Sites, totaling $10M in 2020-2021.

Continued funding of these programs aligns with government commitments including but not limited to:

- Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act – specifically related to supporting the implementation of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples articles on revitalization of, and access to, language and culture
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action - specifically calls for better coordination, respect for community drivers and increased prevention programming.
- Final Report from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – specifically calls to provide long-term stable funding for wraparound services.

Impacts:
With an investment of $10M in 2020-2021, AHS Sites will not need to re-apply for annual operating funds and will continue offering no-cost early learning and care services to Indigenous children and families. Families will continue to have access to infant/toddler, group and multi-age care, enhanced staffing to create inclusive environments and outreach family support.
The selection of the AHS Sites includes rural and remote communities, First Nations communities, Aboriginal Friendship Centres and urban organizations and Métis organizations across the province.
Indicator of success:

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<th>Number of new programs</th>
<th>Number of new spaces</th>
<th>Investment (2020-2021) *</th>
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<td>Total off-reserve</td>
<td>12 New</td>
<td>303</td>
<td>$6.5M</td>
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<td>On-reserve</td>
<td>17 New</td>
<td>340</td>
<td>$3.5M</td>
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<td>2 Expansion</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>643</td>
<td>$10.0M</td>
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*Approximately 7 per cent of funding will be used for administrative costs associated with implementation, including support for developing the MOU.

Priority 2: Underserved Communities

Maintain enhancement to Supported Child Development Programs for children with extra support needs.

Investment:
2020-2021: $10M

Addressed pressure:
For children with extra support needs and their families, support is often required to enable them to access beneficial programs and services at an early age. Without timely and appropriate supports, some children with extra support needs may have their potential for full development impacted. For their parents, access to inclusive alternative care options provides the extra support needed to allow them to work and/or study.

The Supported Child Development Programs (SCD) and the Aboriginal Child Development Programs (ASCD) are foundational programs that provide direct support and interventions to young children who have or are at high risk of a developmental delay or disability and their families. In BC, the current investment continues to not meet the demand, particularly given that the number of child care spaces in BC continues to grow under Childcare Plan BC initiatives.

The 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 ELCC Agreement provided an enhancement of $10M annually to SCD and ASCD programs. This funding was intended to reduce wait times for families and provide increased service. Based on an estimated average cost of $7,000/child, the $10M annual investment was anticipated to create access for 1,428 children. With the enhanced funding added to the existing provincial funding, it was anticipated that the current waitlist for SCD/ASCD would be eliminated during the three years of this agreement.
A significant limitation of the above estimate was that it did not account for children on the existing caseload who were needing an increased level of service. Families of children with support needs are often offered reduced child care hours when the SCD or ASCD support allocation does not meet the needs for full-time child care. Comparison of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019\(^{13}\) data suggests that the $10M ELCC annual enhancement resulted in the following:

- An average of 366 more children being served each month, enabling access to inclusive child care; and
- A 13.5 per cent average increase in direct service hours across all 6,337 children accessing SCD and ASCD, enabling access to increased hours of child care.

While the numbers of new children being served is significantly lower than anticipated, data indicates a significant increase in direct service hours across the program. These findings suggest that the $10M annual funding enhancement has been directed at addressing unmet needs for children already on a SCD or ASCD caseload, as well as a more modest than expected increase in average number of children and families served.

The mechanism:
The enhanced funding for SCD and the ASCD programs will be maintained in 2020-2021 to continue to assist children with extra support needs and their families to meet their support needs and enable them to access child care services.\(^{14}\)

Although the current programs are not limited to children under the age of six, it is estimated that almost 70 per cent of the current program resources are utilized to support these younger children. SCD funds are delivered to contracted agencies within communities, and these agencies determine how to allocate the resources based on local needs. Under these programs, children under the age of six are given higher priority than school-age children in the allocation of resources/supports.

Considering the foundational role of the SCD programs, support to children under the age of six in child care settings is prioritized. SCD also provides supports to school-age school care settings; however, the early years are prioritized when determining local budgets. As with supports in the early years, supports in out-of-school care settings include a range of direct supports to enable children with

\(^{13}\) 2019-2020 data anticipated to be available in June 2020.

\(^{14}\) Specific services available to families may include: assistance finding child care; support and consultation with families and child care programs; individual planning; extra staffing supports provided within child care settings; training and support for families and child care providers; assistance accessing other community resources; developmental screening and assessments; and toy and equipment lending libraries.
support needs to participate fully in out-of-school care settings.

Communities with diverse and unique needs including Indigenous communities, minority language and cultural groups, and French speaking communities are able to benefit from these specialized supports to access inclusive child care settings as needed. Additionally, ASCD services are delivered within a cultural model, respecting traditional protocol, language and traditions.\textsuperscript{15}

**Impacts:**
In 2017-2018, Ministry data identified an estimated average monthly caseload of 5,971 children and their families for SCD/ASCD programs, at any given point in time. The $10M annual enhancement enabled access for an average of 366 more children and families each month. Maintaining the enhancement is expected to continue to serve an average of 366 more children per month compared to the 2017-2018 baseline. In addition, it is expected that children across the SCD caseload will continue to receive a 13.5 per cent increase in hours of direct service compared to the 2017-2018 baseline (~175,000 hours of direct intervention). Maintaining this increase in service will enable more children and families to access more hours of inclusive child care.

**Indicator of success:**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Impact of maintaining enhanced funding for Supported Child Development Programs for children with extra support needs*</th>
<th>Annual Funding</th>
<th>Number of children served – point in time</th>
<th>Number of direct service hrs.</th>
<th>Number of children under six years old</th>
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<td>Baseline provincial funding</td>
<td>$60 M</td>
<td>5,970</td>
<td>1,425,000</td>
<td>3,940*</td>
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<td>Continued investment</td>
<td>$10 M</td>
<td>366</td>
<td>175,000</td>
<td>243*</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$70 M</td>
<td>6,336</td>
<td>1,600,000</td>
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*Estimates.

**PRIORITY 3: ECE Professional Development**
Quality is one of the key pillars of Childcare BC, and to help achieve the goal of quality child care, Government has committed to supporting recruitment and

\textsuperscript{15} Where ASCD do not exist or do not have the capacity to fully meet the needs of Indigenous children, SCD and ASCD work collaboratively to promote access to other culturally appropriate services.
retention in the Early Care and Learning (ECL) workforce through wages, education, and professional learning. To this end, funds under the previous ELCC Agreement were invested in the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Education Support Fund, which provides funds via two bursary programs to support the post-secondary education of individuals working, or wishing to work, in the early childhood care and learning sector in B.C.

The ECE Student Bursary Fund is available to all students studying ECE. Eligible students can apply for up to $4,000 per semester in funding to assist with tuition and living expenses while studying. Awarded amounts will be dependent on the number of registered courses with $500 granted per course.

The ECE Workforce Development Bursary Fund is available to ECEs, ECE Assistants, Responsible Adults (as defined in the Child Care Licensing Regulation) and Strong Start Facilitators who have paused their studies to enter the ECE Workforce, or for those who would like to upgrade their credentials. Applicants must be able to demonstrate active employment with a licensed child care facility. Awards may range in amounts, up to $5,000 per semester.

Interest in these bursaries has continued to grow, and between 2017-2018 and 2019-2020, $15.9M has been invested in the program to help meet demand. Current funds will be fully expended following the Summer 2020 semester.

The Government of British Columbia will use $1.4M (estimated projection) in 2020-2021 ELCC funding and the $2.47M unspent from 2019-2020 to continue education supports for ECE students. Priority will be given to Indigenous applicants seeking to obtain their ECE credentials.

**Indicator of success:**

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<th>Impact of ECE Education Support Fund (up to end of Fall 2019 Semester)</th>
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<td>Total Funding</td>
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<td>$15.9 M</td>
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*Point in time up to end of Fall 2019 Semester. Winter 2020 Semester numbers still being finalized*

**COVID-19 Update**

Most ECE education programs continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, with modifications for increased online program delivery. Impacts of online delivery
on demand are yet to be determined.

**Carry Over Spending**
BC intends to invest the $2.47M in 2019-2020 carry over funds into ECE professional development (see above).

**Innovation and Knowledge**

**Innovation:**
Innovation is vital to achieving BC’s commitment to implementing a ten-year universal child care plan. BC leadership has committed to making life more affordable, delivering services that people count on, and doing so in a sustainable and innovative way. This Action Plan lays out several new ways of doing things in response to these commitments.

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<th>Innovation</th>
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<td><strong>Early Care and Learning Prototype Sites – operational funding</strong></td>
<td><strong>Targeted operational grants</strong> – operators will continue to receive new grants enabling them to offer families significantly reduced-cost child care spaces, up to a maximum of $200/month.</td>
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<td><strong>Indigenous child care</strong></td>
<td><strong>New funding arrangements</strong> – In order to better coordinate services provided within Indigenous communities, funds available to the Province will continue to flow through two existing Indigenous organizations that have expertise in Indigenous-led early learning and child care. The investment approach exemplifies planning that is community driven and co-developed with several partners.</td>
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**Knowledge:**
Under the terms of the ELCC Multilateral Agreement, BC has committed to continue to work with Canada and the other Provinces and Territories to contribute to research and the general understanding of what works for providing quality, affordable, accessible and inclusive early learning and child care in Canada.

The Province is committed to accounting for the new funding provided by Canada and to report on the success of the new initiatives and enhancements to current programs and services.
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<th>Investment</th>
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<td>Maintain enhanced <strong>affordability</strong> by subsidizing the ongoing operational costs of new Prototype Sites</td>
<td>Early Care and Learning Prototype Sites – Operations</td>
<td>$31 million</td>
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<td><strong>Expected impacts:</strong></td>
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<td>Families of approximately 2,900 children will continue to benefit from significantly reduced parent fees while accessing more than 2,500 licensed child care spaces.</td>
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<td>Maintain improved access to inclusive, affordable and flexible child care programs to some <strong>underserved communities</strong> with targeted program supports</td>
<td>Indigenous child care</td>
<td>$10 million</td>
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<td><strong>Expected impacts:</strong></td>
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<td>Approximately 643 spaces will continue to provide culturally-based Indigenous services (12 new urban sites with 303 spaces; 17 new on-reserve sites and 2 on-reserve expansion sites, with 340 spaces).</td>
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<td>Children with extra support needs</td>
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<td>$10 million</td>
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<td><strong>Expected impacts:</strong></td>
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<td>More children and families will have access to inclusive child care and children already on caseload will receive more service enabling more hours of child care. It is expected that 360 more children will receive service each month, and that children across the caseload will receive a 13.5% increase in direct service hours, using a 2017-2018 baseline.</td>
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<td>Provide financial supports for ECE students, with a priority on increasing the number of Indigenous ECEs.</td>
<td>Education Supports for ECEs</td>
<td>$3.84 million¹⁶</td>
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<td><strong>Expected impacts:</strong></td>
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<td>Approximately 500 ECE students will have access to bursary funds to offset the cost of obtaining their post-secondary education.</td>
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¹⁶ Includes $1.37M in 2020-2021 ELCC funding and $2.47M in 2019-2020 carryover from the previous ELCC Agreement.
The following indicators and targets will be utilized to track and report on results:

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<th>Targets (by March 31, 2021)</th>
<th>Annual report (2020-2021)</th>
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<td>Early Care and Learning Prototype Sites - Operations</td>
<td>The number of children benefiting from affordable child care spaces, including the number of children from underserved communities (Indigenous families, families with children with extra support needs, and young parents completing their Secondary education)</td>
<td>Maintaining 2,900 children</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indigenous child care</td>
<td>Number of child care spaces providing culturally-based Indigenous services, including number of spaces on and off reserve</td>
<td>Maintaining 643 child care spaces</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Children with extra support needs</td>
<td>Number of children with extra support needs who will access supported child development programs</td>
<td>Maintaining 360 children on average per month</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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In addition to reporting on the key indicators noted above, BC will report on other indicators as available.