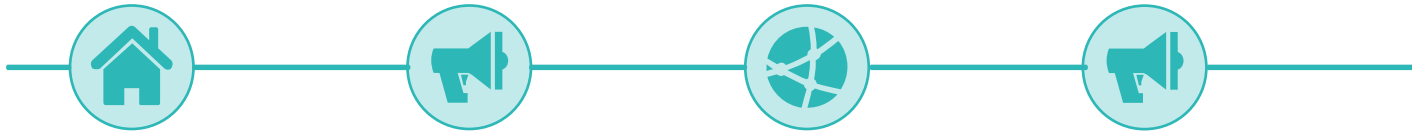


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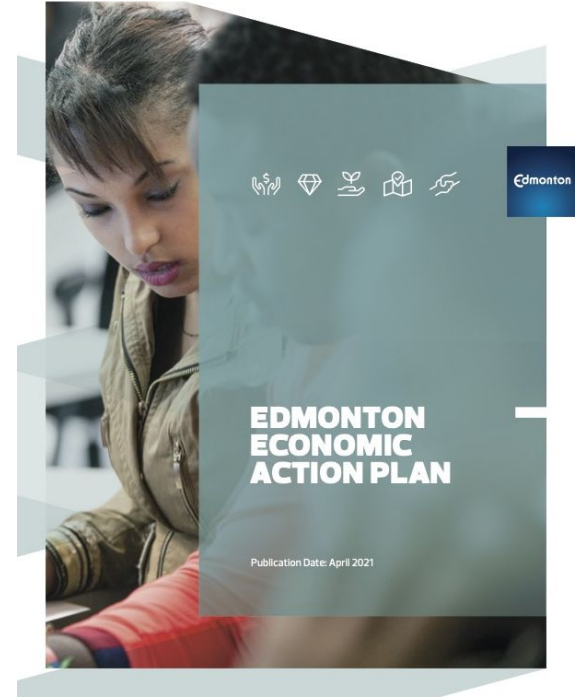
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1.2.2.3 “Enable accessible child care facilities in a variety of locations throughout the city.”



Action 17: “Promote affordable, accessible, high-quality, and inclusive early learning and child care.”

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

# Overview



A RECOVERY PLAN FOR JOBS,  
GROWTH, AND RESILIENCE

BUDGET  
2021



**EARLY LEARNING  
AND CARE IN  
EDMONTON:**  
Progress in Building an  
Integrated System



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Research: What and why

**COVID** - highlighting particular concerns with child care during the pandemic and the role of child care in the recovery plan

**Quality** - documenting the changing landscape and factors that contribute to high-quality early learning and care

**Funding Models** - role of affordability within a high-quality early learning and care system and issues related to subsidies

**Learnings from Indigenous and newcomer parents** - bringing attention to staff competencies and dispositions valued by parents

**Data** - foundation of knowledge about the current state of child care and identification of data gaps

# Engagement: Regional

City of Edmonton

Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

Edmonton Public Schools: Trustees

Edmonton Catholic Schools: Trustees

Edmonton Community Development Company and YMCA

Parkland Institute

Public Interest Alberta



# Engagement: Provincial and Federal

## Provincial

- Child Care Now Alberta
- Business Council of Alberta
- Presentation: Children's Services review of child care legislation and regulation

## Federal

- Meeting with The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
- Council member involvement with expert panel on child care

# Current Projects: Recommendations

## Recommended Actions for

- The City of Edmonton
- Edmonton Public Schools and Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Ministry of Children's Services



# Support for Recommendations to the City from . . .

Aboriginal Head Start Edmonton

Assoc. of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta

BCG/Bigs

Community Mental Health Action Plan

Canadian Mental Health Association

Child Care Association for Resources for

Administrators

C5 Agencies

Edmonton Catholic School Board

Edmonton Community Development Company

Edmonton Community Foundation

Edmonton Head Start Project

Edmonton John Howard Society

Edmonton Public School Board

Edmonton Social Planning Council

Intercultural Child and Family Centre

MacEwan University

Parkland Institute

Public Interest Alberta

# Current Projects: Public education

- Municipal Elections
  - Messages
  - Candidate Survey
- Edmonton Social Planning Council
  - Lunch and Learns
  - Op Ed
  - Blog posts

# Current Projects: Research

- The experiences of cultural minority families with child care
- Survey of parents and guardians to understand their needs
- Affordability (versus cost)
- Early Learning Care Centres: What happened after the elimination of the pilots and follow-up to understand the impact and needs



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Follow-up for effects of COVID on Family Day Homes <https://www.eceLC.ca/>

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