

# Edmonton City Council: we look forward to helping you serve your community

The Edmonton Council for Early Learning and Care is here to assist you in advocating for high-quality, inclusive, affordable, and accessible early learning and care in Edmonton.

The Edmonton Council for Early Learning and Care (ECELC) builds on existing capacities and provides leadership in managing, planning and supporting the development of a system of high-quality and affordable early learning and care services in Edmonton, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of low-income and vulnerable families. [Learn more about us here.](#)

## Affordable, accessible and high-quality early learning and care:

- is correlated with positive cognitive, emotional, and social outcomes in children that can be beneficial for them well into adulthood;
- supports a strong economy by helping parents pursue jobs and/or education; and
- is important for Edmonton's economic recovery.

## What can you do in your elected capacity to support early learning and care?

In the summer of 2021, we released recommended actions the city government and the school boards can take to develop an integrated early learning and care system in Edmonton. We highly recommend you review those [recommended actions here](#).

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the recommended actions, and we also hope you'll consider becoming involved with the ECELC.

## Here are a few ways you can get involved today:

If you are interested in having a meeting with ECELC co-chairs please contact [info@ecelc.ca](mailto:info@ecelc.ca) and further arrangements can be made.

Review the report, requested by the Community and Public Services Committee and forthcoming in the new year, about how the city can actualize and implement the recommended actions.

Support [EndPovertyEdmonton](#) and the [ECELC](#) through continued funding initiatives. The City Council's financial support is critical to the continuation of our important work.

Finally, we encourage ongoing collaboration and partnerships with school boards, other municipalities, community organizations and the federal-provincial Early Learning and Child Care plan.



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