

# Edmonton Board of Trustees: 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) provides leadership and builds capacity in managing, planning and supporting the development of a system of high-quality and affordable early learning and care services in Edmonton. ECELC emphasizes meeting the needs of low-income and vulnerable families to help more children get a strong start to learning and in life. [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 as they begin school and well into adulthood
- supports a strong economy by helping parents pursue jobs and/or education; and
- is important for Edmonton's economic recovery.

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

- Familiarize yourself with the [recommended actions](#) for education.
- Schedule an appointment with ECELC co-chairs if you are interested in further discussions about our work at [info@ecelc.ca](mailto:info@ecelc.ca).
- Connect with childcare centres and schools within your division to identify possible opportunities for partnerships or collaborations.
- Encourage early learning and care centres to use the [Flight Curriculum Framework](#) to ensure high-quality care environments.
- Advocate to Alberta Children's Services about the possibility of partnering with school boards to fund space creation within school divisions.
- Advocate to Alberta Education, for child care centres in new school builds and planned renovations or rebuilds.

Finally, we encourage working with partners such as the City of Edmonton, other school boards, community organizations, established child care centres and other forms of government.



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