

Release of Saskatchewan's Early Years Plan during Early Childhood Educator Month

May is *Early Childhood Education Month* and we are reminded that quality early learning supports the lives of children in our province and has an important impact on their future. High quality early years programs and initiatives benefit not only Saskatchewan children, but help families raise happy and healthy children.

Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is May 20th and is an opportunity to recognize all Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) who are educated professionals. ECE's provide children with positive early learning and developmentally appropriate experiences in high quality environments. By building strong relationships with children and their families, they contribute to the lifelong success of Saskatchewan children.

To make sure that all Saskatchewan children get a good start in life, the Government of Saskatchewan has developed [Saskatchewan's Early Years Plan 2016-2020](#). This plan outlines goals for all children to be safe, healthy and develop to their full potential in strong families and supportive communities.

In 2016 and 2017, government will improve early years services by making sure that current programs are offering the best service possible to children and families. The Ministry of Education will work with early years groups, including child care centres and community programs, to determine how best to achieve the goals set out in the plan.

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge the importance of the early years!

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