



MNO Education & Training

# EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

INFRASTRUCTURE  
& PARTNERSHIPS

**IMPACT  
REPORT  
2025**

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Métis Nation  
of Ontario 



## WHAT WE DO

As the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Infrastructure & Partnerships team, we are committed to developing partnerships, connections, and relationships with early learning and child care partners and educators to promote awareness of Métis culture and history through the development and promotion of foundational early learning documents, regulations, pedagogy, and curriculum. Our infrastructure projects support Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) facilities, with a specific focus on developing sustainable, culturally relevant infrastructure to increase the availability of affordable and accessible child care programs.

## ELCC ADVISORS

Our team includes ELCC Advisors who build professional relationships with child care facilities and organizations to create opportunities for sharing Métis cultural knowledge and Métis-specific resources (such as story bag kits). They also promote professional development opportunities for early learning professionals and Early Childhood Education students to incorporate these resources into their practice. The Advisors ensure that these teaching resources are safe, demonstrate cultural appreciation, and foster allyship, and often host workshops and info sessions to share how to incorporate these resources into teaching environments. Based on feedback received from partners, the team has also begun developing an online learning management system that enables access to asynchronous learning courses and resources. By building a Community of Practice through the MNO Education Hub mobile app, the Advisors are able to more effectively support requests for additional learning opportunities for and communicate to ELCC educators and partners.

"Absolutely loved this kit. Hoping there will be more opportunities like this with different stories!"

"This is a fantastic kit. I work with JK through Grade 6, and all have enjoyed this kit. The packaging makes it easy to carry from class to class with me. Thank you so much!!! I look forward to more of these kits."

"Each time I log into a meeting it feels like a warm hug. All the thought and effort put into each session and each gift box is truly amazing. I am so grateful. I feel like someone is taking care of me for a change."

"I've enjoyed the sessions offered last year and this year immensely. I have made positive changes in my life based on these sessions. The kits have introduced me to items I wouldn't have used before. Thank you so much for offering."

"I was very sad to miss this workshop at the Conference in February...SO HAPPY to have been gifted this opportunity tonight. Merci, merci, merci! I LOVE having more tools and resources to share with my little learners! Thank you for your hard work to support us all out in the field!"

### ELCC ADVISORS

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1089**

educators attended 25 total **The Giving Tree Story Bag** info sessions

**567**

educators attended 11 total **ELCC Education Kit** info sessions

**232**

educators attended 6 total **Toddler and Land-based Learning Workshops**

**58**

educators attended 3 total **Métis Christmas Mittens Story Bag** info sessions

**126**

educators participated in the virtual **Health & Wellness "Thrive"** series

**77**

educators registered for the **Giving Tree** online learning course

**337**

**Métis Christmas Mittens Story Bags** were sent to educators, Community Councils, Home Child Care Providers, the MNO Community Wellbeing Branch, and external partners

## COUNCIL CAMP FUND BY THE NUMBERS

**\$15,000**

of total funding was given to 19 total  
Community Councils

## COUNCIL CAMP FUND

The ELCC Infrastructure & Partnerships team also provides Council Camp funding, which assists MNO Community Councils in hosting their own Métis early learning and family camp activities that promote and Métis way of life, culture, and history. This includes virtual activities, summer camp, drop-in programming, program kits, and outdoor activities. To qualify for this funding, all programs must be primarily focused on early learners aged 0-12 years.

## REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (RECE) SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) Support Program supports MNO citizens who are Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs). Through this program, Métis RECEs can have their Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators (OCECE) membership fees reimbursed. This reimbursement also includes the application fee and yearly renewal fee but does not include reinstatement fees. Métis RECEs can also apply to have up to \$1,000 reimbursed per fiscal year for OCECE renewal and professional development.

### RECE SUPPORT PROGRAM

## BY THE NUMBERS

**51**

Métis RECEs were reimbursed for the renewal or initial  
Ontario OCECE registration fees

## HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Our Home Child Care Program creates opportunities for Métis citizens across the province to open their own home child care programs. The program was designed for Métis individuals who are already providing unlicensed care and wish to become licensed, as well as those seeking to establish a home child care program. In addition, we provide ongoing capacity-building and support to these educators and providers. Ultimately, the Home Child Care Program aims to expand the number of childcare spaces throughout the province and develop accessible, high-quality, affordable, and culturally appropriate Métis-led programming.

"With the creation of this program, I can ensure I can provide a better standard of care for those families I serve and can alleviate some of the financial pressures faced so that I can provide better for my children as well. I want to thank you for investing in the support of my business and many others in the same position."

"When the opportunity arose to sign up for the Home Child Care Program, I was beyond excited. From my own experience, revolving around all MNO programming, I knew that only positives would come from the opportunity. I was not wrong. This program has given more support in areas of direct need in one year than I have had in my 10 years of operation."

### HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM

## BY THE NUMBERS

**4**

home child care providers became licensed  
through and are currently supported by the  
program

**2**

more home child care providers are currently  
awaiting licensing through this program

## ELCC: INFRASTRUCTURE & PARTNERSHIPS

# OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ∞ The ELCC Infrastructure & Partnerships team purchased a plot of land in Burk's Falls, ON in hopes of opening an early learning camp. Renovations and repairs are currently underway to bring the camp into operation shortly.
- ∞ ELCC Infrastructure & Partnerships events, programs, series, and various supports became available on the **MNO Education Hub** mobile app—a virtual Indigenous education centre for MNO citizens, educators, families, and students.

## ABOUT EDUCATION & TRAINING

The MNO began to offer training initiatives in 1996 with funding from the Métis Human Resources Development Agreement. Since then, the Education and Training Branch has grown and developed to include a comprehensive infrastructure that delivers a full range of programs. It supports the educational success of all Métis across Ontario, beginning in early learning, continuing through kindergarten to grade twelve, into adulthood through post-secondary education, and then into employment. We also work to retain and revitalize our languages, honour our culture and way of life, and provide ongoing learning outside formal education structures.

We take pride in our culture and history, recognize and honour the Métis knowledge holders and senators who contribute to our way of life, teaching and learning opportunities, and take pride in our Métis languages. We look forward to sharing our traditions with future generations as we aspire to achieve our highest potential.

*Bryanna Scott-Kay*

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## ABOUT THE

# ET BRANCH SASH

One of the most prominent symbols of the Métis Nation is the brightly coloured, woven sash. Originally used for both practical purposes and cultural expression, the sash holds deep significance within Métis culture. The Education & Training Branch has introduced its own special sash, featuring colours representing the different teams and important ideologies.

**Light Green:** Early Learning & Child Care  
**Purple:** Kindergarten - Grade 12  
**Light Blue:** Post-Secondary Education  
**Yellow:** Métis Languages Initiatives  
**Red:** Employment & Training  
**Dark Green:** All E&T programs coming together to support a Métis person's lifelong learning journey  
**Dark Blue:** Métis inclusion in all learning environments

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Download the **MNO Education Hub** app to stay up to date with ELCC programs & events!

