

Table 3
Varieties of ECEC services in all jurisdictions, Canada – 2001

Jurisdiction	Program(s)	Ministry/Department
Government of Canada	• First Nations/Inuit Child Care Initiative	Human Resources Development Canada
	• First Nations Head Start	Health Canada
	• Aboriginal Head Start	Health Canada
	• Child Day Care (Ontario and Alberta)	Indian and Northern Affairs
	• Aboriginal Head Start New Brunswick	Indian and Northern Affairs
	• First Nations Elementary Education (pre-K and kindergarten)	Indian and Northern Affairs
	• Childminding	Immigration Canada
	• Military Family Resource Centres	Department of National Defense
	• Early Childhood Development Initiative	Human Resources Development Canada
	• Child Care Expense Deduction	Canada Customs and Revenue Agency
	• Maternity/parental leave benefit	Human Resources Development Canada
	• Community Action Programs for Children	Health Canada
Newfoundland & Labrador	• Child care (day care centres, family child care, school-age centres)	Department of Health and Community Services
	• Kindergarten	Ministry of Education
	• Family resource programs	Department of Health and Community Services
New Brunswick	• Child care (day care centres, community day care homes, school-age day care centres)	Department of Family and Community Services
	• Kindergarten	Ministry of Education
	• Nursery schools	Regulated only upon complaint or request
Prince Edward Island	• Child care (early childhood centres, school-age child care centres, family day care homes, occasional centres)	Ministry of Health and Social Services
	• Kindergarten (note that kindergarten is delivered by child care centres)	Ministry of Health and Social Services, Ministry of Education
Nova Scotia	• Child care (child care centres, preschools, nursery schools, school-age centres and child development centres)	Ministry of Community Services
	• Grade Primary	Ministry of Education
Québec	• Centres de la petite enfance (CPEs including centres and family child care)	Ministère de la Famille et de l'Enfance
	• Garderies	Ministère de la Famille et de l'Enfance
	• Maternelle	Ministère de l'Éducation
	• Pré-maternelle	Ministère de l'Éducation

	• Passe-partout	Ministère de l'Éducation
	• Halte garderies	Not regulated
	• Preschools	Not regulated
Ontario	• Child care (centres, nursery schools, supervised private home day care or home child care)	Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services
	• Kindergarten	Ministry of Education
	• Junior kindergarten	Ministry of Education
	• Family resource programs	Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services
Manitoba	• Child care (centres, nursery schools, family day care, group family day care, school-age centres, occasional centres)	Manitoba Family Services and Housing
	• Kindergarten	Manitoba Education
Saskatchewan	• Child day care (child care centres, family child care)	Ministry of Social Services
	• Kindergarten	Saskatchewan Learning
	• Pre-K	Saskatchewan Learning
	• Preschools	Not regulated
Alberta	• Child day care (day care centres, nursery schools, approved family day homes, drop-in centres)	Alberta Children's Services
	• Early childhood services (kindergarten)	Alberta Learning
	• Out-of-school child care	Not under provincial aegis
British Columbia	• Child care (centres, preschool, family child care, school-age child care, child minding, other centre-based services, Child Care Resource and Referral Programs)	Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, Ministry of Health Planning, Ministry of Human Resources
	• Supported Child Care (special needs)	Ministry of Children and Family Development
	• Kindergarten	Ministry of Education
	• Government integrated early childhood development strategy	Minister of State for Early Childhood Development
Northwest Territories	• Child care (day care centres, nursery schools, after-school care, family day homes)	Department of Education, Culture and Employment
	• Kindergarten	Department of Education, Culture and Employment
Nunavut	• Child care (day care centres, nursery schools, after-school care, family day homes)	Department of Education
	• Kindergarten	Department of Education
Yukon	• Child care (centres, school-age child care, family day homes)	Department of Health and Social Services
	• Kindergarten	Department of Education
	• Preschools	Not regulated

Note: In addition to the provincial/territorial services listed above, all jurisdictions have additional programs that deliver cash payments to parents to pay for unregulated child care. These are identified in each provincial/territorial section under PUBLIC FUNDING.