CWELCC: Impact on Indigenous Children and Families

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introduction

Not an expert in Canada-wide, my hope for this afternoon is to have a facilitated conversation and share in a good way

- Name
- Who you are affiliated with
- What are you hoping to get out of the session



where are we today background

what we know and where we are at today

- The Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework sets out a shared vision, principles and a path forward for Indigenous early learning and child care where all Indigenous children have the opportunity to experience high-quality, culturally rooted early learning and child care programming.
- This Indigenous ELCC Framework sets the stage for Indigenous governance of improved and new systems of ELCC policy, programs and supports for Indigenous children and families, now and in the future.
- Through engagement sessions a unanimous recognition of the importance of ELCC for Indigenous children and families reaffirmed and echoed the findings of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and the need to honour the rights and obligations set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration).

IMPACT ON INDIGENOUS FAMILIES IN THE ROLLOUT OF CWELCC

impact on indigenous families

• Has CWELCC made a difference for Indigenous families?

- Are there strategies in progress or under consideration that would enhance ELCC experiences for Indigenous families? I.e. recruiting and retaining Indigenous educators, stable enrolment for families who travel on and off reserve, subsidy access, etc.
- What are the positive changes that the program has brought about for Indigenous families
- Examples of how the program has helped indigenous families access high-quality child care and early learning services
- What are the impacts of the program on the overall well-being of Indigenous families

challenges and limitations

- What challenges prevent CWELCC (design, administration, funding, etc.) from meeting the needs of Indigenous families.
- Other challenges and limitations
- How can these challenges be address to improve the programs effectiveness



o Emphasize the importance of early learning and child care for indigenous families

o Call for continued support and investment in this area

thank you

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