

**Growing ECE Access and  
Quality: Opportunities and  
Challenges**

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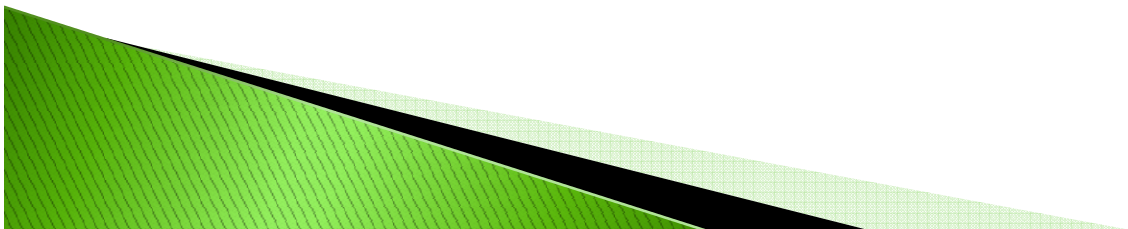


# **Aligning Early Childhood Pedagogy from Preschool to Kindergarten – Manitoba Perspective**

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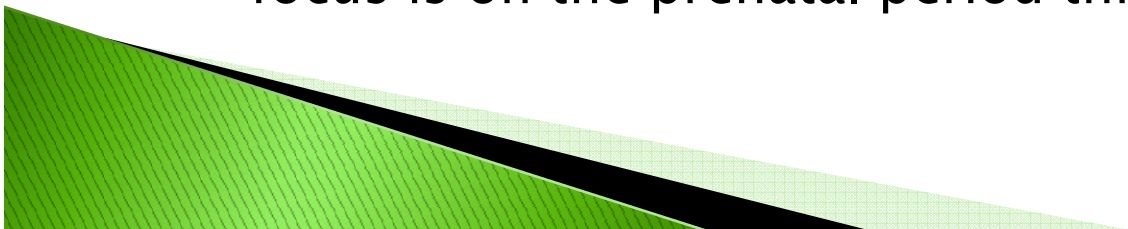
# Overview

- ▶ Early childhood education and learning supports within Manitoba government
- ▶ What has Manitoba done to align early childhood pedagogy?
- ▶ What is Manitoba Education and Training doing?



# Early childhood education and learning supports within Manitoba government

- ▶ **Early Childhood Education Unit (ECEU)**
  - provides leadership and support to school divisions in the area of early learning for children up to age 8 years.
- ▶ **Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Branch**
  - responsible for licensed infant, preschool, nursery and school-age child care
- ▶ **Healthy Child Manitoba Office**
  - works across departments and sectors to facilitate a **community development approach** for the well being of Manitoba's children, families and communities. The priority focus is on the prenatal period through the preschool years.



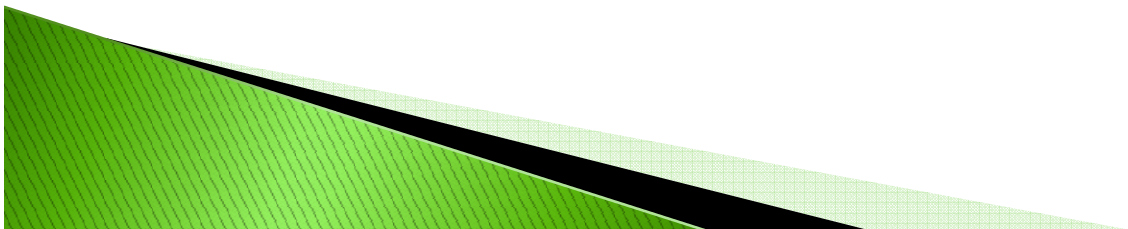
# What are we doing in Manitoba to align early childhood pedagogy?

## ▶ Structures

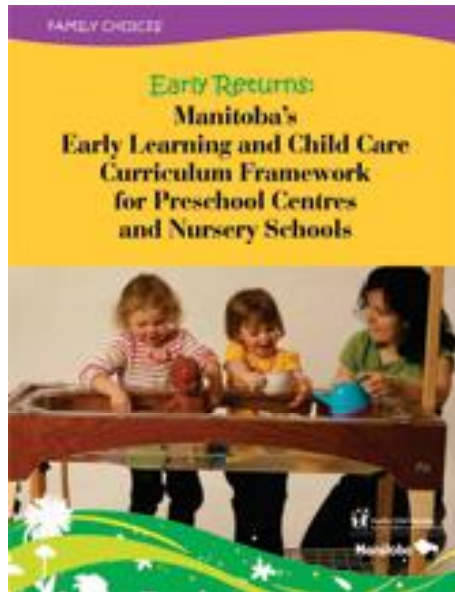
- Formal
  - Departments
  - Legislation / Regulations
- Informal
  - Working groups

## ▶ Deliverables

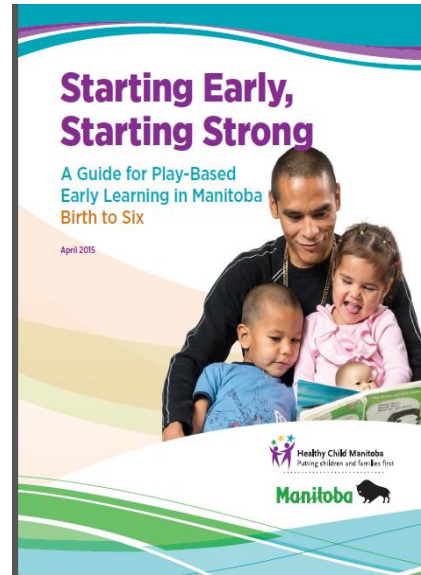
- Curriculum frameworks
- Strategy documents
- Support documents/protocol



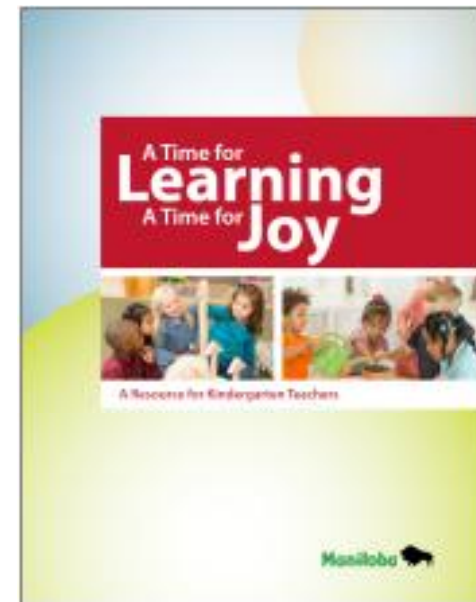
# Deliverables: Curriculum Frameworks



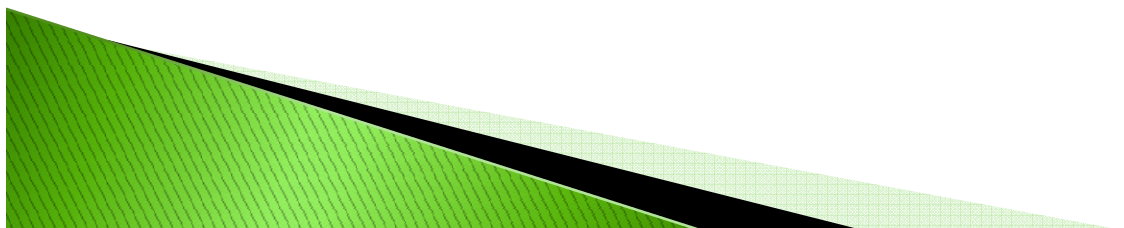
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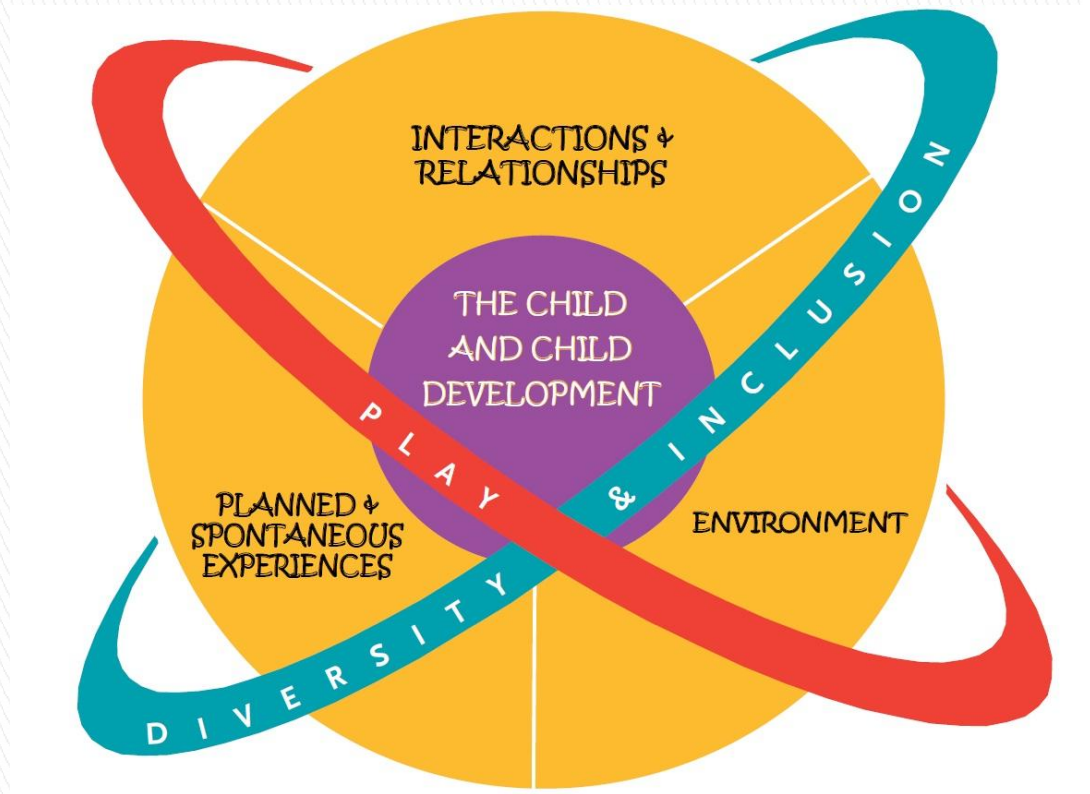
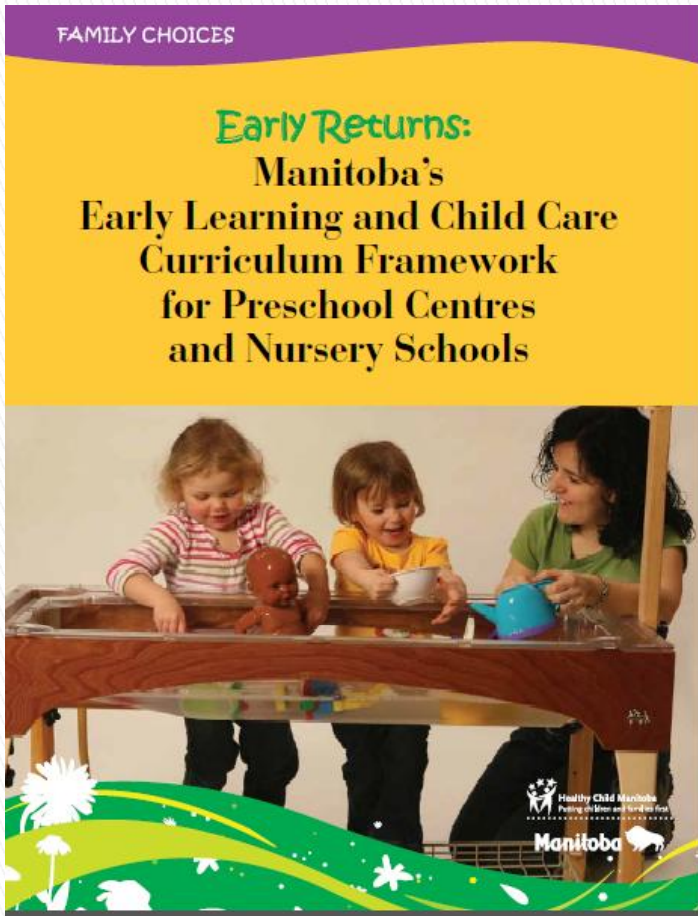


Parent/Child programs

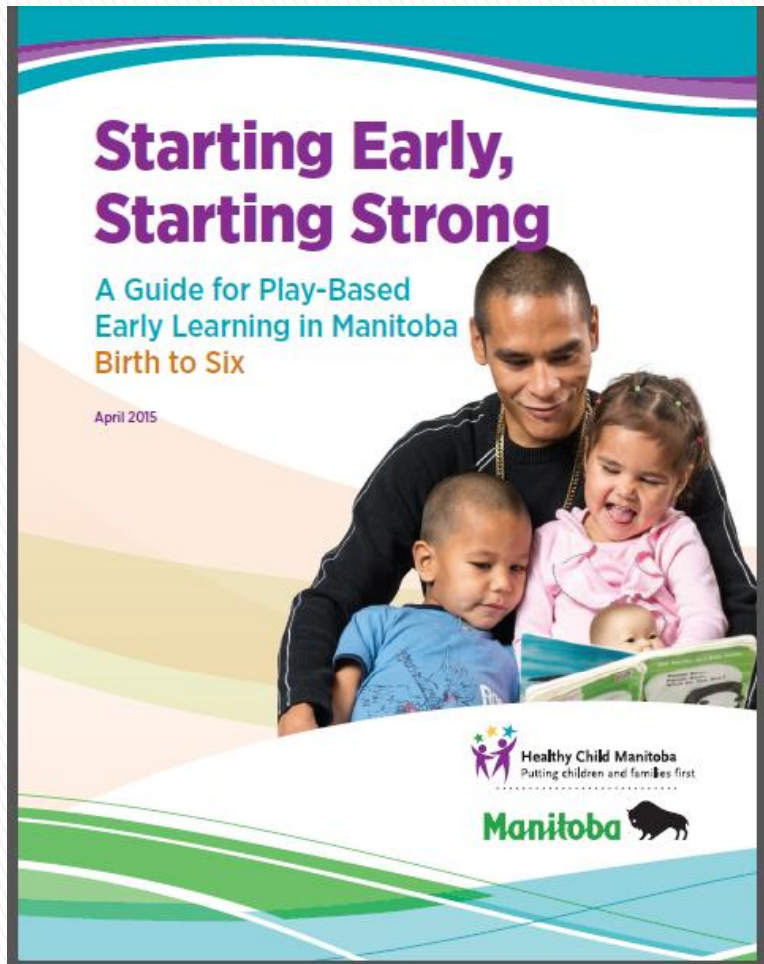


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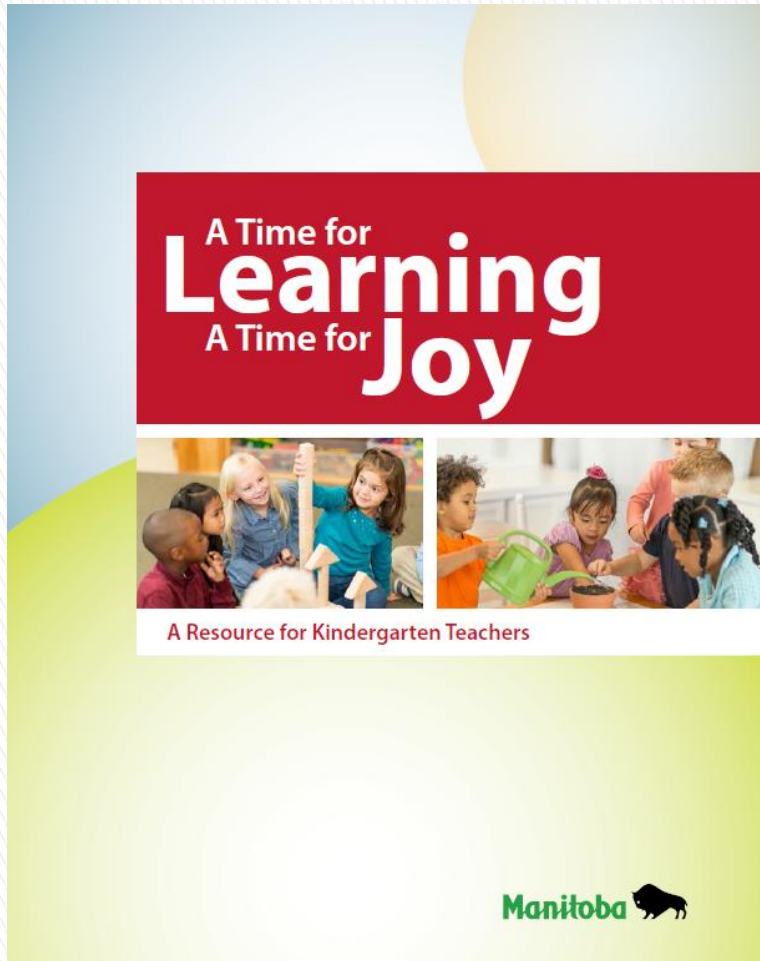
Child Care Programs  
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## Guiding Principles:

- Support Learning Through Play
- View Children as Competent Learners
- Build Positive Relationships
- Prepare a Stimulating Environment
- Support Diversity and Inclusion
- Provide an Intentional Program

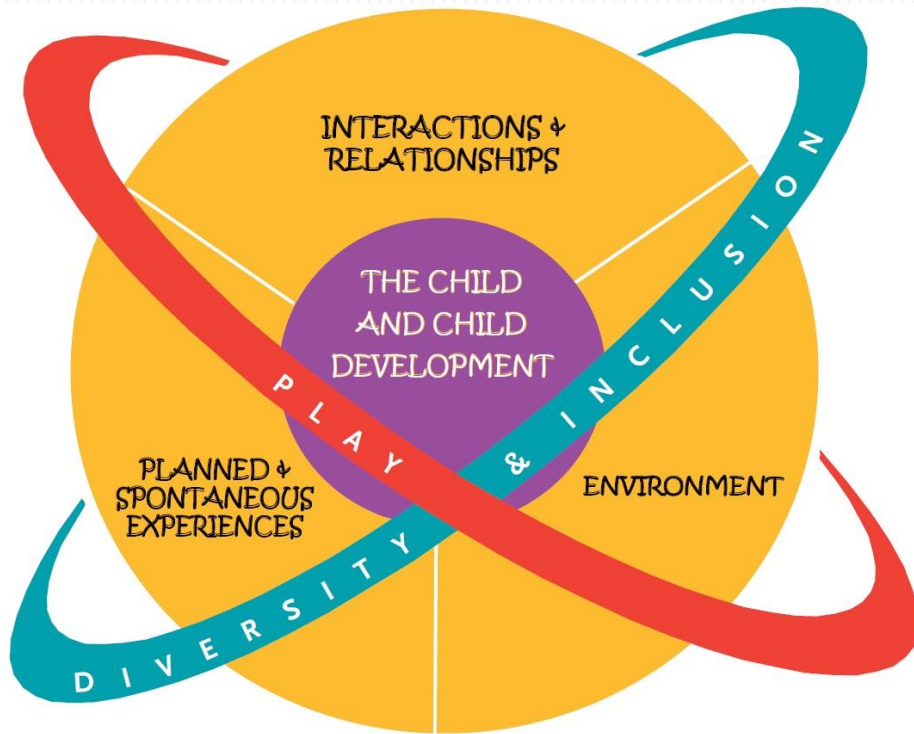
Parent/Child and Preschool Programs  
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**Figure 1.2:**  
The Kindergarten Guiding Principles

Kindergarten Programs  
December 2015





Preschool Child Care

## Guiding Principles

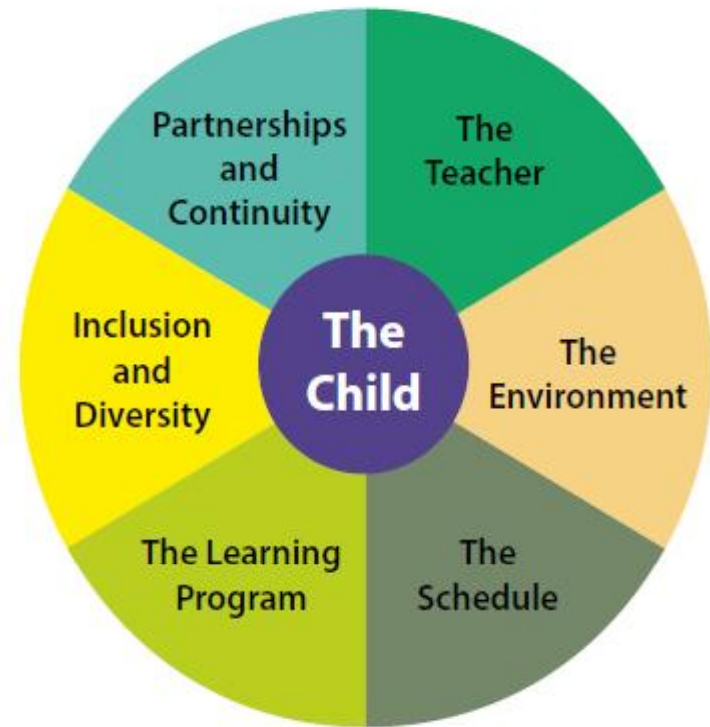
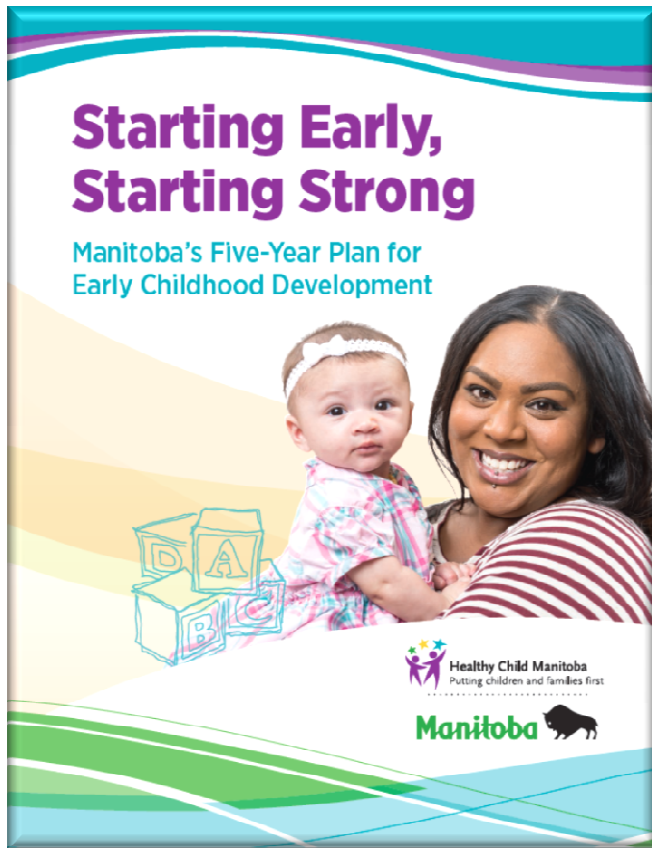


Figure 1.2:  
The Kindergarten Guiding Principles

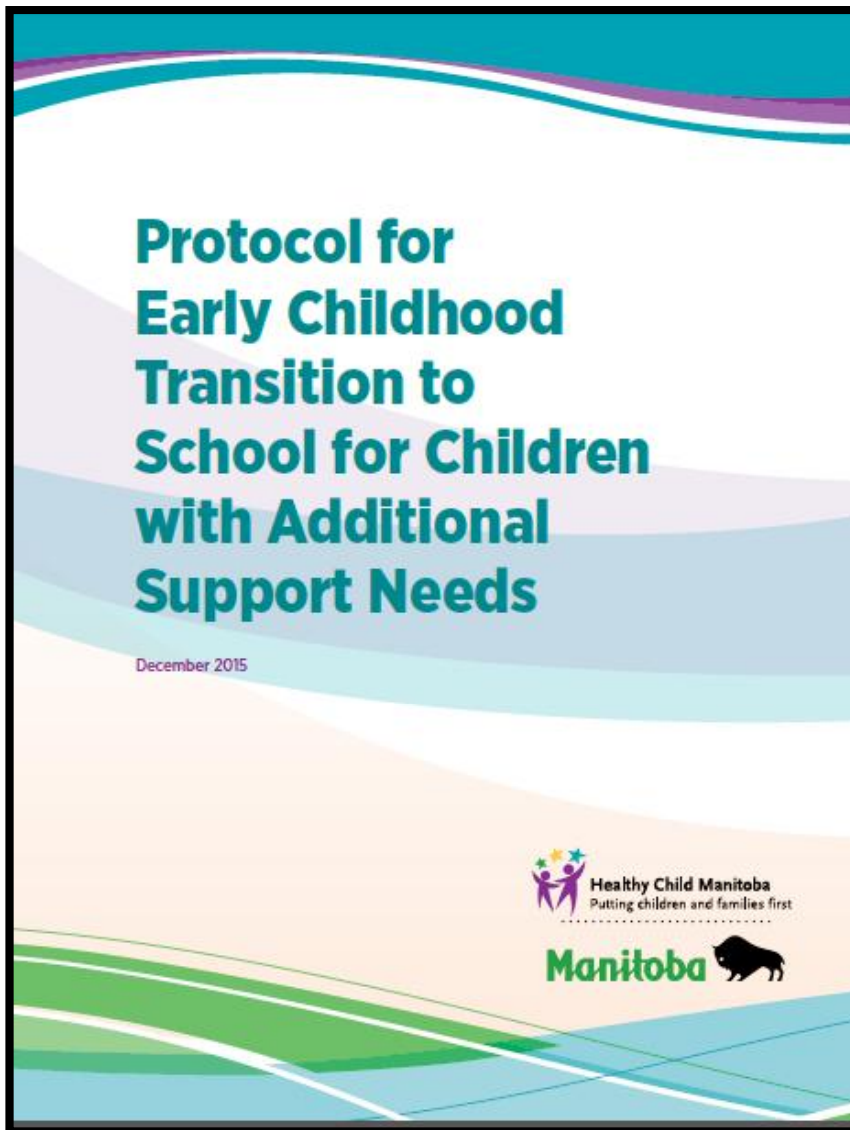
Kindergarten



# Early Childhood Development Strategy

[http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/ecc/ecc\\_sess5yr.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/ecc/ecc_sess5yr.pdf)





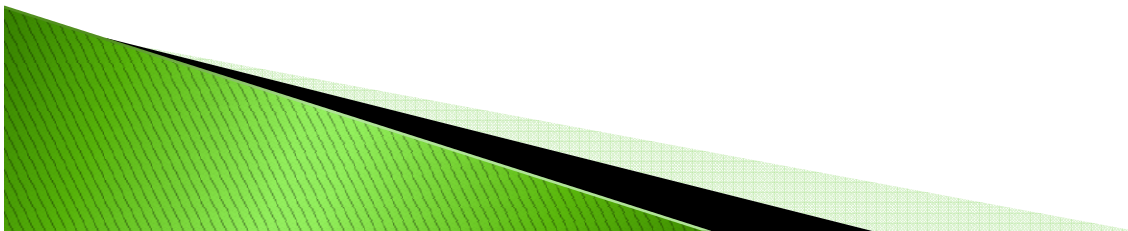
## Guiding Principles:

- **Philosophy of Inclusion**
- **Family-centred practice**
- **Strength-based**
- **Child-specific**

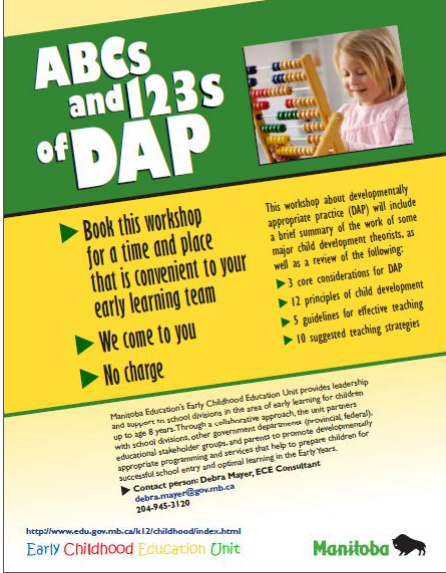
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/publications/index.html>

# What is Manitoba Education and Training doing?

- ▶ Professional Development for Educators
- ▶ Early Childhood Development Initiative
- ▶ A Time for Learning, A Time for Joy
- ▶ Working with Schools and Divisions



# Professional Development for Educators



## ABCs and 123s of DAP

**Book this workshop for a time and place that is convenient to your early learning team**

**We come to you**

**No charge**


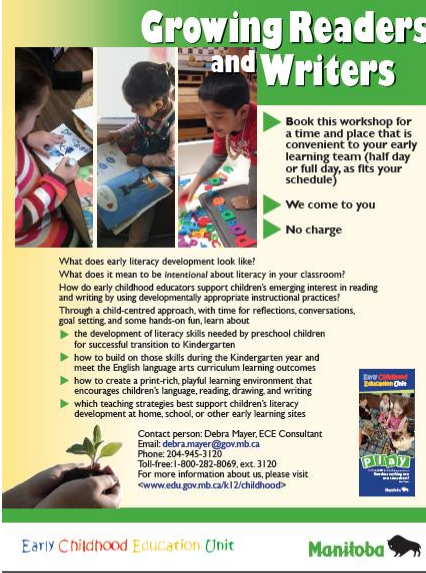
This workshop about developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) will include a brief summary of the work of some major child development theorists, as well as a review of the following:

- 3 core considerations for DAP
- 12 principles of child development
- 5 guidelines for effective teaching
- 10 suggested teaching strategies

Manitoba Education's Early Childhood Education Unit provides leadership and supports to school divisions in the area of early learning for children up to age 8 years. Through a collaborative approach, the unit partners with school divisions, other government departments (provincially, federally), educational stakeholder groups and parents to promote developmentally appropriate programming and services that help to prepare children for successful school entry and optimal learning in the Early Years.

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## Growing Readers and Writers

**Book this workshop for a time and place that is convenient to your early learning team (half day or full day, as fits your schedule)**


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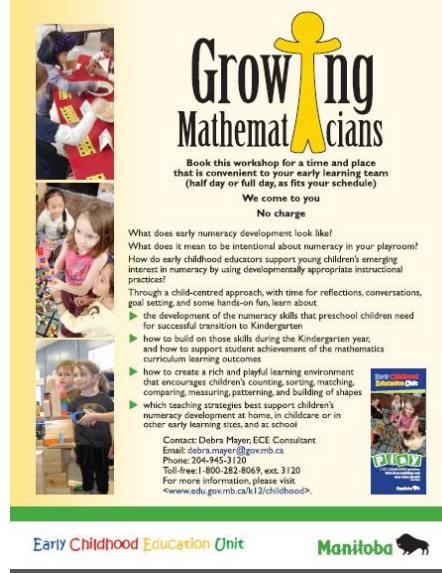
What does early literacy development look like?  
 What does it mean to be intentional about literacy in your classroom?  
 How do early childhood educators support children's emerging interest in reading and writing by using developmentally appropriate instructional practices?  
 Through a child-centred approach, with time for reflections, conversations, goal setting, and some hands-on fun, learn about:

- the development of literacy skills needed by preschool children for successful transition to Kindergarten
- how to build on those skills during the Kindergarten year and meet the English language arts curriculum learning outcomes
- how to create a print-rich, playful learning environment that encourages children's language, reading, drawing and writing
- which teaching strategies best support children's literacy development at home, school, or other early learning sites

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## Growing Mathematicians

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What does early numeracy development look like?  
 What does it mean to be intentional about numeracy in your classroom?  
 How do early childhood educators support young children's emerging interest in numeracy by using developmentally appropriate instructional practices?  
 Through a child-centred approach, with time for reflections, conversations, goal setting, and some hands-on fun, learn about:

- the development of the numeracy skills that preschool children need for successful transition to Kindergarten
- how to build on those skills during the Kindergarten year, and how to support student achievement of the mathematics curriculum learning outcomes
- how to create a rich and playful learning environment that encourages children's counting, sorting, matching, comparing, measuring, patterning, and building of shapes
- which teaching strategies best support children's numeracy development at home, in childcare or in other early learning sites, and at school

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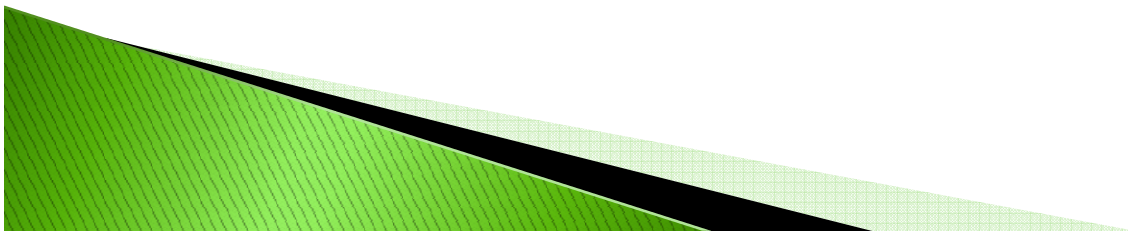


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# Early Childhood Development Initiative

- ▶ Grant to school division based on Kindergarten enrolment
- ▶ Programming and services for preschool children (birth to 5 years)
- ▶ \$2.5 million for 2015/2016 school year



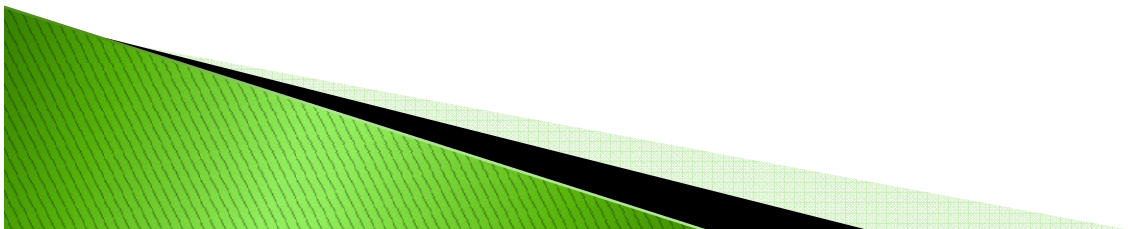
# Working with School Divisions

- ▶ *Early Childhood Learning Together*
  - Kindergarten Teachers
  - Principals
  - Child Care Educators and Directors
  - Family Centre Coordinators
- ▶ **Agenda:**
  - Playing in the Same Sandbox
  - Developmental appropriate practices
  - Commonalities
  - Strengths
  - Shared Vision



## RESOURCES:

- ▶ A Time for Learning, A Time for Joy [http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/childhood/k\\_support.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/childhood/k_support.html)
- ▶ Early Returns: Manitoba's Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework for Preschool Centres and Nursery Schools:  
[http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/resources/pubs/early\\_returns.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/resources/pubs/early_returns.pdf)
- ▶ Starting Early, Starting Strong: A Guide for Play-Based Learning in Manitoba:  
[http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/ecd/ecd\\_birthto6\\_playbased.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/ecd/ecd_birthto6_playbased.pdf)
- ▶ Starting Early, Starting Strong: Manitoba's Five-Year Plan for Early Childhood Development: [http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/ecd/ecd\\_sess5yr.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/ecd/ecd_sess5yr.pdf)
- ▶ Protocol for Early Childhood Transition to School for Children with Additional Support Needs: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/publications/index.html>





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