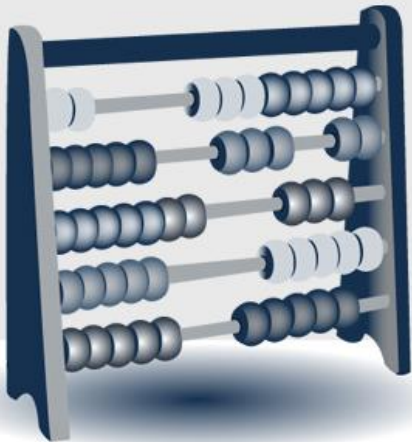




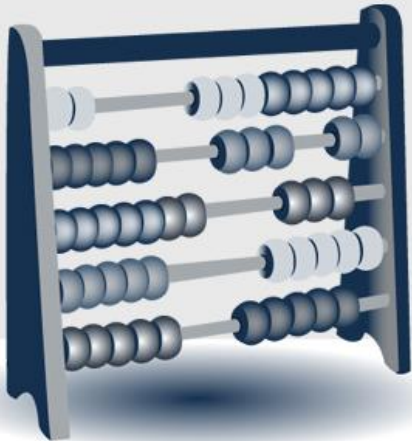
# The Quebec Approach: Early Childhood Education and the CEGEP System



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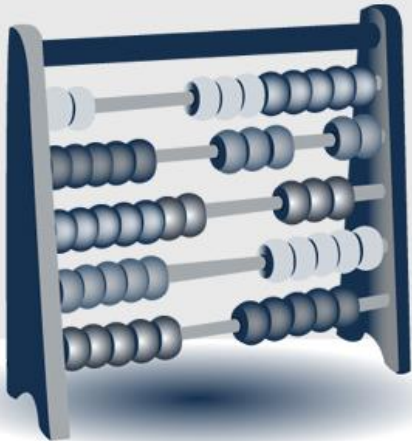
# Presentation Overview

- About the CEGEP System
- About Quebec's Child Care System
- Addressing the shortage of qualified ECE's
- ECE Training Models
  - DEC 3 Year Diploma
  - AEC 1 Year Certificate
  - Northern, Indigenous & Remote
  - Home Child Care



# About the CEGEP System

- **CEGEP** is a French acronym that stands for **Collège d'enseignement général et professionnel..**
- **Publicly funded** post-secondary college level education.
- Pre-University and Technical programs

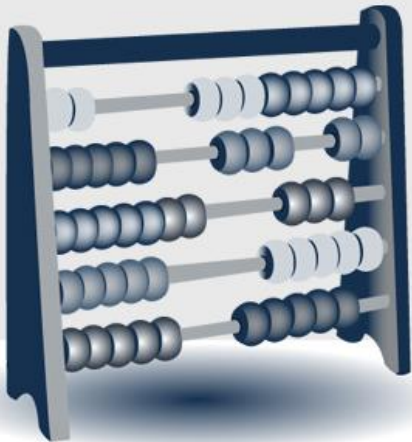


# About the CEGEP System

- 48 CEGEPs across the province
- 5 English CEGEPs
- Created in 1969
- CEGEP System is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

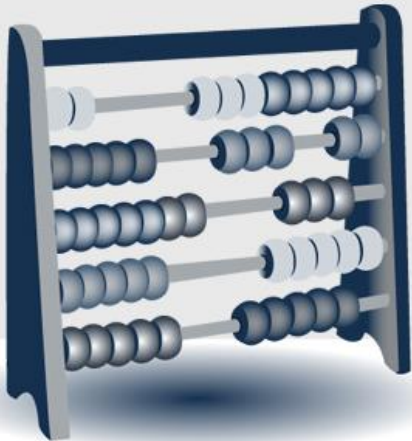
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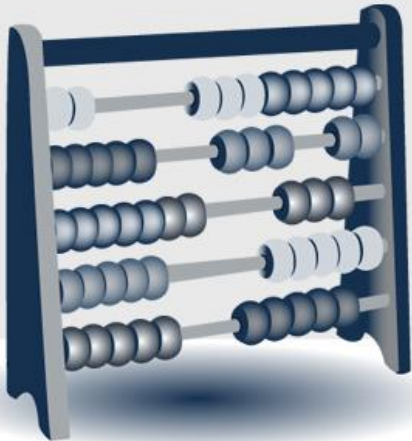
# About the CEGEP System

- General education courses common amongst all programs.
  - Philosophy/Humanities
  - Physical Education
  - English/French
- Wide variety of course and program options (i.e.)
  - Social Science
  - Liberal Arts
  - Science
  - Nursing
  - Visual Arts
  - Early Childhood



# Publically Funded Child Care – Quebec Model

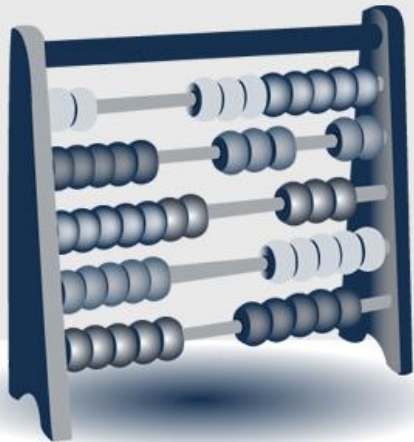
- 1997 intro \$5.00/day subsidized child care
  - 2004 fees increased to \$7.00
  - 2017 fees \$7.75 
- Regulated Child Care
    - CPE(Centre des Petites Enfance): licensed **Non-Profit**
    - Garderies (Day Care Centres): licensed usually **For-profit**
    - Home Child Care registered with licensed agency **Non-Profit**



# Indigenous Child Care in Quebec

## Provincial and Federally Funded Child Care

- 2016: On & Off Reserve
  - 68 Non-profit centres
  - 3 Family Child Care Offices
  - 5 Urban Indigenous CCS
  - 1 Urban Indigenous Family Child Care



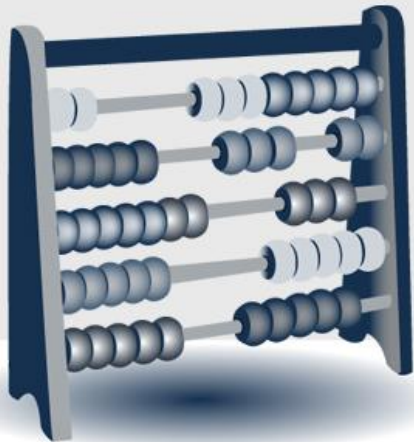
- Aboriginal Head Start programs are federally funded
- All are non-profit and licensed under provincial child care act





# Curriculum Framework

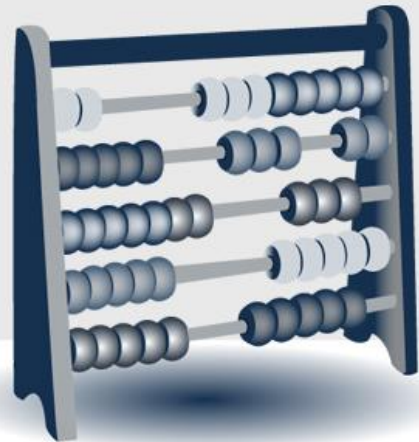
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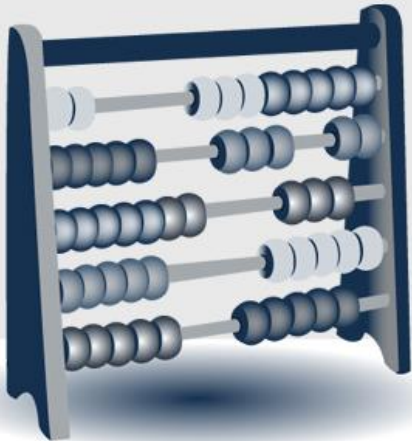
# Staffing Challenges in Quebec Child Care

- Demand for qualified educators far exceeds supply.
- Maintaining ratios with qualified ECE's as determined by regulations is an on-going struggle.



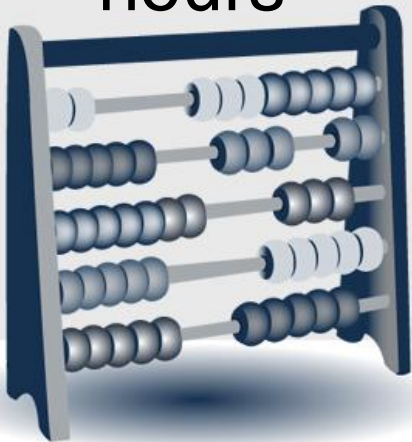
# Early Childhood Education at CEGEP – Competency Based

- ECE Diploma:
  - Three Years
  - Nationally recognized
- ECE Certificate:
  - One Year Provincially recognized (AEC)
- Aboriginal & Inuit Educator Certificate:
  - Custom designed for Northern, Indigenous & remote communities.
- Professional Development:
  - Support for Home Child Care Sector



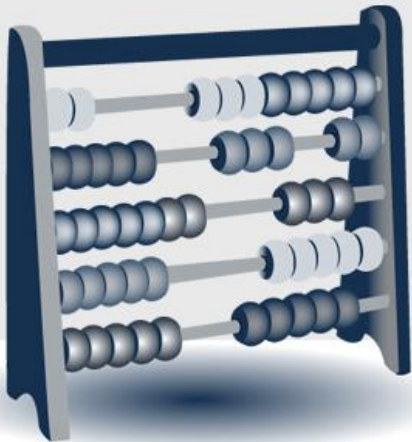
# 3 Year Diploma Program - Highlights

- Dual-track program
- Paid summer Co-op
- 3 Fieldwork Courses
- 3 Mini-practicums
- 570+ program contact hours
- Infant
- Toddler
- Preschool
- School age
- Full-day Kindergarten
- Family Literacy Centres



# One Year Certificate Program - Highlights

- AEC - Attestation
- Minimum requirement to work in Québec
- 3 years experience plus AEC
- 2 Fieldwork courses
- 375 Program contact hours
- Intensive full-time
- on-campus training
- 1 year

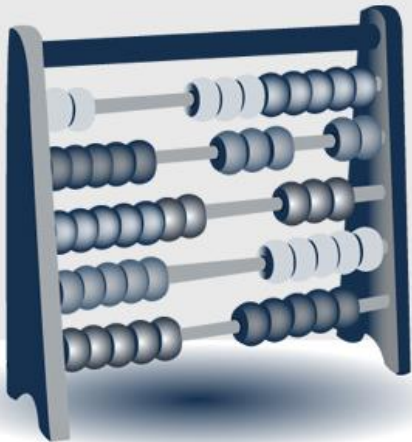


# Indigenous & Northern ECE Training – Highlights.

- CEGEP St Felicien – Saguenay - Lac St Jean
- Campus: Kahnawake Mohawk First Nation - Montréal

## Two AEC Models:

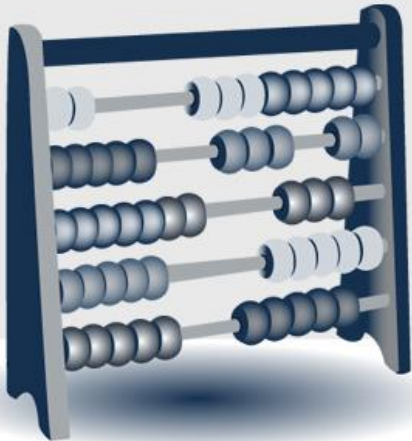
- Educators In Native Childcare: **1996**
- Special Needs Education - Aboriginal And Inuit Children: **2003**



Indigenous peoples in Quebec total 11 distinct ethnic groups

# AEC - Educators In Native Childcare Services

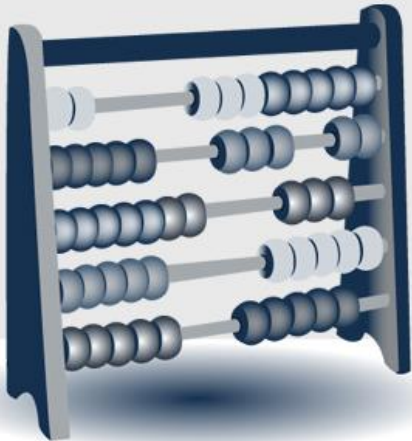
- **Focus:** To foster native values and culture in childcare
- 243 days total training in local community settings.
- Detect children with special needs
- Implement an intervention plan for children with special needs
- Conduct activities during home visits / **or**
- Operate a home childcare service





# AEC- Special Needs Education - Aboriginal And Inuit Children

- Trains First Nations and Inuit as Special-Needs Educators
- Children 0-12 and their families
- Community driven
- 2 semesters:
  - Course work/on-the job training
  - 2 week placement in Kahnawake/Montreal
  - 3 week final placement in home community
- **Customized:**
  - Community values
  - Local traditions
  - Unique cultures

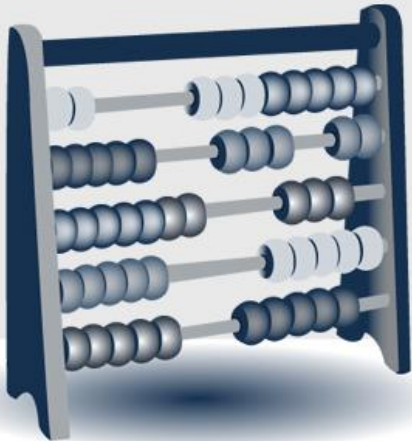


# Home Child Care Training and Professional Development

- Minimum of 45 hours
- Focus:
  - Child Development & Educational Programming
  - 6 hours annual refresher training

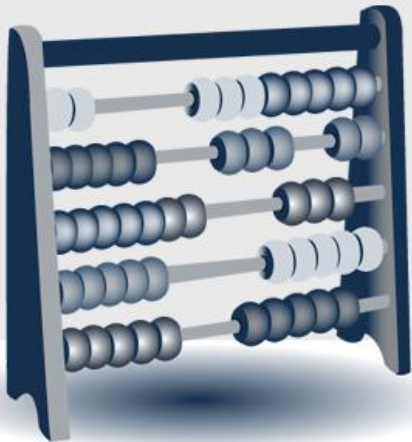
## **8 Required courses**

- Role of Educator
- Educational Programming (3)
- Child Development (3)
- Health/Safety & Nutrition



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