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#### VISION

Affordable, accessible, quality early care and learning, available to every child whose family wants or needs it

## **GOALS**

## **ACCESSIBILITY:**

• Early care and learning is easy for parents to access.

#### AFFORDABILITY:

Early care and learning is affordable for parents and for the Province.

# QUALITY:

- Early Childhood Education is considered a career of choice.
- Rigorous quality and accountability mechanisms.

# **PRINCIPLES**

- **Inclusive:** respecting and valuing diversity by supporting inclusive and accessible early care and learning system to recognize and address the needs of vulnerable populations.
- Culturally-based: honouring and promoting culture and language as integral components of programs, supports and services.
- Flexible: supporting a range of early care and learning programs located in schools, communities, workplaces so that parents – including parents who work irregular hours – can choose the options that work best for their family.
- **Partnership-driven:** supporting and encouraging expansion of community involvement and government-community-business partnerships.
- **Sustainable**: quality early care and learning programs will be supported with a long term funding and capacity building approach.
- Accountable: investments and outcomes will be regularly monitored and reported.
- **Fiscally-sound:** on-going cost- benefit analyses of early childhood investments will be done to ensure continuous fiscal responsibility.

# **10-YEAR VISION**

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