

2026/27 Early Childhood Educator Workforce Supports Program

Approved List of Workshops and Conferences for Professional Development and Release Time Funding

Overview

The Government of Alberta is updating professional development (PD) and release time (RT) funding for early childhood educators (ECEs) to enhance the quality of licensed early learning and childcare (ELCC). The updated program focuses ECE PD and RT funding on training that builds core skills, increases competencies, supports higher certification levels and strengthens leadership capacity across the sector.

- Level 1 and 2 ECEs are eligible for funding for approved Flight and pedagogy-related workshops and conferences.
- Level 3 ECEs are eligible for funding for approved leadership, Flight and pedagogy-related workshops and conferences.

From April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, only the workshops and conferences included on the approved list are eligible for PD and RT funding under the Early Childhood Educator Workforce Supports Program.

Level 1 and 2 ECEs

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Provider	Name of Workshop
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Possibilities for Practice Learning Series*
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Supporting Curriculum Practice Learning Series*
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Leading Through a Pedagogical Lens Learning Series*
Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA)	The Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework*

*Eligible for RT funding only

Level 1 and 2 ECEs

CONFERENCES

Conference Provider	Name of Conference
Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCCA)	Caring That Counts Conference
Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCCA)	You Make a Difference Conference
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Curriculum Framework Supports Showcase of Learning
Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA)	Essential Pieces Conference
Montessori Children's House Academy	Children Change the World Montessori Conference
School Age Care Directors Association of Alberta (SACDA)	Ignite! School Age Care Conference
Take Me Outside	Outdoor Learning Conference

Post-secondary courses are not part of this approved workshops and conferences list.

For Level 1 and 2 ECEs, post-secondary PD and RT funding is targeted towards supporting eligible ELCC credit courses that help increase certification levels.

- For institutions licensed in Alberta: An ELCC credit course must be from an approved institution listed in Appendix D of the [Certification Guide for Early Childhood Educators](#).
- For institutions licensed outside of Alberta and within Canada: An ELCC credit course must be from a recognized institution in Canada.
- ECE Bursary applicants are not eligible for post-secondary PD or RT funding.

More information is available in the [Funding Guide for Early Childhood Educator Workforce Supports](#).

Level 3 ECEs

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Provider	Name of Workshop
Alberta Home Visitation Network Association (AHVNA)	MindUP
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Possibilities for Practice Learning Series*
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Supporting Curriculum Practice Learning Series*
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Leading Through a Pedagogical Lens Learning Series*
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Meeting the Challenge Series
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Outdoor Play Train the Trainer
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Reaching IN, Reaching OUT
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Reflective Program Planning
Alberta's Dayhome Support Network (ADSN)	Reaching IN, Reaching OUT
Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA)	The Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework*
Calgary Board of Education (CBE)	Effective Communication and Relationships
Childcare By Design Coaching Inc.	CORE Systems Framework
Childcare By Design Coaching Inc.	Parent Care Mastery: Building Trust, Navigating Conversations, and Leading with Standards
Childcare By Design Coaching Inc.	The Classroom Management Secret
Childcare By Design Coaching Inc.	Transform Workplace Dynamics
Chinook Learning Centre Calgary	Behavioural Interviewing and Effective Hiring
Chinook Learning Centre Calgary	Critical Thinking and Effective Decision Making
Chinook Learning Centre Calgary	Leadership Skills for Managers
Chinook Learning Centre Calgary	Time and Task Management
Churcher Group Inc.	Classroom Excellence Through Regulation and Practice
Creative Childcare Consulting	Focused Team Building = Long Term Teams

Workshop Provider	Name of Workshop
Imagine Institute of Learning	Building Psychological Safety in the Workplace
Imagine Institute of Learning	Depolarizing Leadership Certification
Imagine Institute of Learning	Healthy Boundaries Between Educators and Children
Imagine Institute of Learning	Introduction to Group Facilitation
Imagine Institute of Learning	Navigating Challenging Conversations
Imagine Institute of Learning	Unconscious Exclusion – Navigating Equality and Perception
Keldar Leadership	Everything DiSC Workplace Certification
Keldar Leadership	High Performance Leadership
Keldar Leadership	High Performance Supervisory Skills Program
MacEwan University	Fundamentals of Management and Supervision
MacEwan University	Leadership Professional Development Certificate
MacEwan University	Management and Supervision Professional Development Certificate
Mount Royal University (MRU)	Children’s Mental Health Extension Certificate
Mount Royal University (MRU)	Mediation and Conflict Resolution Extension Certificate
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)	Leadership Development Certificate
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)	Workplace Essentials Program
Organizations By Design	Manager! Make More Time
Organizations By Design	Team Leadership Coaching
Organizations By Design	Vision to Impact: A Systems Leadership Journey
Organizations By Design	Women’s Leadership Series: Unleash Your Inner Power
University of Alberta (U of A)	Advanced Certificate in Leadership Program
University of Alberta (U of A)	Management Development Certificate
University of Calgary (U of C)	Certificate in Professional Management
University of Calgary (U of C)	Professional Certificate for Emerging Leaders

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Level 3 ECEs

CONFERENCES

Conference Provider	Name of Conference
Alberta Early Childhood Play Connection Network (AECPCN)	Illuminate Play Conference
Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCCA)	Breath of Fresh Air Conference
Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCCA)	Caring That Counts Conference
Alberta Family Child Care Association (AFCCA)	You Make a Difference Conference
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	Curriculum Framework Supports Showcase of Learning
Alberta Resource Centre for Quality Enhancement (ARCQE)	National Child Day Conference
Alberta Teacher’s Association (ATA)	Early Childhood Education Council Conference

Conference Provider	Name of Conference
Alberta Teacher's Association (ATA)	uLead The Summit of Educational Leadership
Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA)	Essential Pieces Conference
Child Care Directors Association of Southwest Alberta (CCDASA)	Ignite – Fuel Your Why Conference
Children's Autism Services of Edmonton	Children's Autism Conference
Churcher Group Inc.	Childcare Operators Summit
Fort McMurray Early Learning and Childcare Community	Fort McMurray Early Learning and Childcare Conference
Kids Included	Inclusion Summit on Early Learning and Child Care
Montessori Children's House Academy	Children Change the World Montessori Conference
Red Deer Polytechnic	Transforming Practices Conference
School Age Care Directors Association of Alberta (SACDA)	Ignite! School Age Care Conference
Stepping Stones Daycare Society	Mini Summit
Take Me Outside	Outdoor Learning Conference

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A formal call for a broader range of workshops may be considered in 2026/27; however, they must meet the funding requirements in the [Funding Guide for Early Childhood Educator Workforce Supports](#).

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