



# Minister's Awards of Excellence

## in Child Development

### Overview

Early childhood professionals make life better for children and families and support government's commitment to high quality child care choices that are responsive to and inclusive of all children.

Nominate an individual, team, or program where early childhood educators work with children in child care programs licensed by the Alberta government.

### Nomination guidelines

Alberta's government will administer the Minister's Awards of Excellence in Child Development according to these guidelines, and will consider nominators and nominees who agree to or sign the nomination form to have read and agree to abide by these guidelines and requirements for participating in the awards nomination process. Nominations that do not comply with these guidelines may be disqualified.

**Nomination deadline: August 30, 2024**

### Award categories

#### Individual (three awards)

An early childhood educator working with children in an eligible program licensed in Alberta.

#### Team (three awards)

An early childhood educator working with children in an eligible program licensed in Alberta.

#### Program (three awards)

An early childhood educator working with children in an eligible program licensed in Alberta.

### Award criteria

Nominees must demonstrate professional excellence in at least one, or a maximum of two, of the following award criteria areas.

Highlight these criteria throughout the nomination, illustrating how the nominee demonstrates excellence in each area in ways that support children's learning and development.

#### Innovative programming

Translate unique, research-based knowledge into creative actions that support learning and development.

#### Family/parent support

Demonstrate open, collaborative relationships, family-oriented support and programming.

#### Continuous improvement

Participation in training, professional development of staff is a priority; active pursuit of professional growth.

#### Community building

Develop partnerships and advance supports within the community to complement children's learning.

#### Inclusive practices

Demonstrate practices that include special needs, explore learning and cultural diversity.

#### Leadership

Training, coaching and mentoring professionals, colleagues to ensure quality child care.