**Creating a Network of Early Childhood Stakeholders (NECS) and implementing initiatives in Francophone Minority Communities (FMCs)**

**Information sheet**

**Funding Program:** Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC), Official Languages Stream

**Funding Source:**

* 2023-2028 Action plan for Official Languages ([Pillar 2: Promoting Lifelong Learning Opportunities](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/official-languages-bilingualism/official-languages-action-plan/2023-2028.html#a11)) (new funding): Creating the NECS and implementing initiatives in FMCs
* 2018-2023 Action plan for Official Languages (ongoing and permanent funding): Support for Early Childhood DevelopmentFunds

**Funding Recipient:** The [Commission nationale des parents francophones](https://cnpf.ca/)

**Funding Amount:** $47,702,614

**Funding Duration:** 2025/01/06 to 2028/03/31

**Funding Announcement:** [New funding for early learning and child care initiatives in Francophone minority communities - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2025/03/new-funding-for-early-learning-and-child-care-initiatives-in-francophone-minority-communities.html)

**Project details:** [Grants and Contributions](https://search.open.canada.ca/grants/record/esdc-edsc,014-2024-2025-Q4-00050,current) (NECS)

**Summary of the initiative:**

The initiative for the creation of a Network of Early Childhood Stakeholders (NECS) and Implementation of Initiatives in Francophone Minority Communities (FMCs) aims at supporting the cross-sectoral coordination and implementation of various initiatives designed to improve access to early learning and child care (ELCC) programs and services that are high-quality, affordable, flexible, and inclusive for families and professionals in FMCs.

This new initiative is led by the Commission nationale des parents francophones (CNPF), which is the recipient of $47.7 million in funding, including $44.5 million in new funding for ELCC from the Action Plan for Official Languages 2023–2028, and $3.2 million from the fund to support early childhood development.

As the primary recipient of the funding, the CNPF redistributes funds to eligible organizations to support the creation of the NECS, as well as the development and implementation of initiatives in FMCs.

**Expected results:**

* The NECS is established and includes cross-sectoral partners to facilitate the coordination and implementation of ELCC initiatives in Francophone Minority Communities
* The NECS supports the delivery of inclusive ELCC services for children and their families living in Francophone Minority Communities
* Child care service providers have an increased capacity to serve children and families living in Francophone Minority Communities