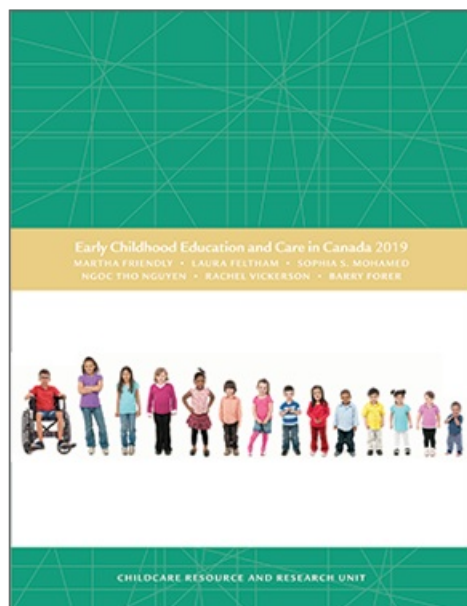


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Consistently tracking data over time has always been a key goal for ECEC in Canada. However, this 12th version is especially important because the report will be able to provide benchmarks on key indicators of the state of Canadian early learning and child care before the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic has had a very substantial impact on ELCC provision, its workforce, policy and women's labour force participation, this report's focus on pre-pandemic data will provide an indispensable baseline to identify and analyze the pandemic's effects.

The report provides detailed provincial/territorial descriptive information on child care and kindergarten programs (including educator/teacher training, wages, ratios, group/class size, pedagogy, governance, affordability, and availability of spaces) as well as budget allocations and pertinent demographic data such as the number of children, mothers' employment rates and more. It also offers a Canada-wide overview of how ELCC services are organized, government roles, Indigenous ELCC and parental leave.

ECEC in Canada 2019 will play a key role in contributing insights valuable to new public policy development as Canada tackles the critical issue of early learning and child care in the period of economic recovery from COVID-19 in the months and years ahead.

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