

# Early-learning and child-care ministers promise to work together to improve workforce <sup>[1]</sup>

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IQALUIT, Nunavut - Federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for early learning and child care say they plan to work together to address workforce challenges.

Karina Gould, minister of Families, Children and Social Development Canada, announced the ministers agreed during a meeting in Iqaluit to develop a plan focused on recruitment, retention and recognition.

Natalie Jameson, Prince Edward Island's minister of Education and Early Years, says that is to include fair wages, good working conditions and professional development opportunities.

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Gould says there is still a need for more child-care spaces and the federal government is working toward its goal of creating approximately 250,000 new spots across the country by March 2026.

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"Early childhood educators are truly the backbone of this sector," Jameson said Thursday

"Together we need to elevate early childhood education so it is a career path that more Canadians will choose to take."

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