Improvements to quality and inclusion for early learning and child care services in Newfoundland and Labrador

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The Provincial Government is creating a mentoring program focused on quality and inclusion to support early childhood educators and child care services in Newfoundland and Labrador. This measure is part of continued work that focuses on child and family well-being at early learning and child care services.

Funding will be provided to child care centres for 15 Quality, Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Coordinators to be hired throughout the province. Each coordinator will have a background in psychology, early childhood education, education, or a closely related field. The coordinator will be an employee of a specific child care service and will provide on-site support to improve quality and inclusion within the child care centre. The coordinators will be responsible for supporting early childhood educators to ensure they are responsive to the individual needs of each child.

The Department of Education will share a call for expressions of interest for child care centres to take part in this program participating in the Operating Grant Program. There will be an ongoing evaluation by the department to assess effectiveness and inform future planning.

Through the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, an investment of \$516,000 will be used to fund the Quality, Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Coordinators.

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