

Nunavut will train more early childhood educators: Shewchuk ^[1]

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Nunavut Arctic College will use \$1.1 million in federal funds to train more early childhood educators for jobs in daycares, schools or as operators of their daycare centres, Dan Shewchuk, the minister responsible for the college, said May 14 in the legislative assembly.

"This is wonderful news for Nunavut Arctic College and its education programs division, which is committed to providing more opportunities for Nunavummiut to obtain training and careers in early childhood education," Shewchuk said in a minister's statement.

The money to pay for the program flows from the federal government's Aboriginal Head Start Strategic Fund and has been approved for the next two years, Shewchuk said.

It's part of a project called "Capacity Building for Early Childhood Development Educators."

Shewchuk said the program is aimed at training people to work with children from infancy to the age of six, for work in day care centres, nursery schools, schools or as operators of their own day care homes "with a strong emphasis placed on the preschool years."

He also said the money will help the college expand early childhood education across the territory and "support and enhance culturally sensitive programming in our communities."

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