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This report provides a snapshot of Canadian ECEC in 2012, the year for which the most recent reliable data are available. It is the first in a series of reports, policy briefs and commentaries produced by the Moving Child Care Forward project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's Connections program, a joint initiative of CRRU, the Centre for Work, Families and Well-Being at the University of Guelph, and the Department of Sociology at the University of Manitoba.

This report uses consistent data regularly collected by CRRU as a base and integrates other pertinent data. It outlines key trends, patterns and policy shifts in Canadian ECEC's organization and governance: the demographic context, child care spaces, public funding, parent fees, integration of care and early education, ownership or auspice, Aboriginal child care, human resources and unionization.

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