



# **Critical Questions for Provinces and Territories**

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- Kindergarten in ECEC sector – universal since 2000
- September 2010 - All 5 year olds left for full day in school system
- Most experienced ECEs recruited to be K teachers



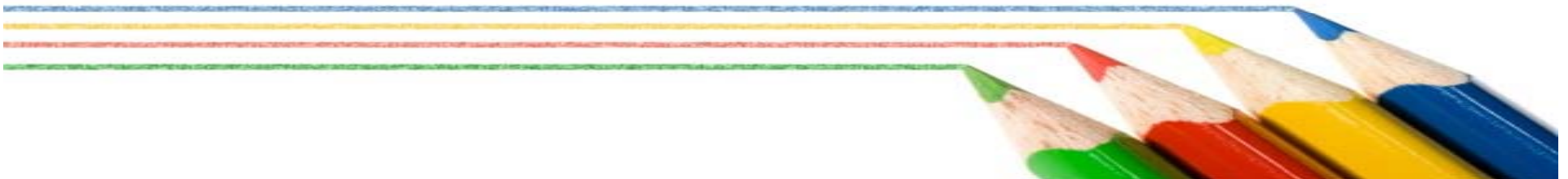
# Critical Questions

- **Governance**
- **Quality**
- **Access**
- **Sustainability**



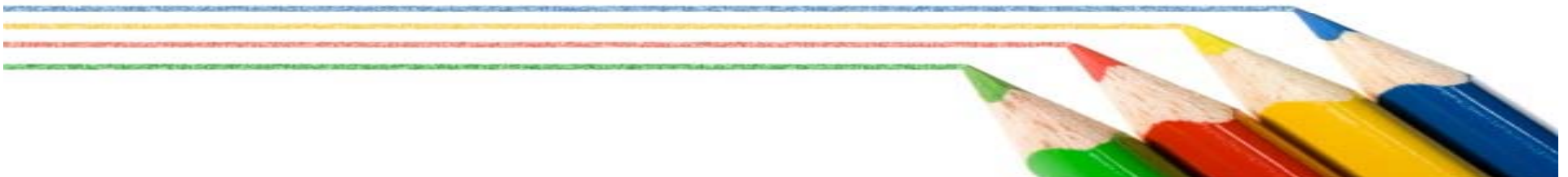
# Governance

- Education sector – broad in-service
- Largely private operation – how to create a system?
- Created publicly managed, community based system – with options for current centres
- Early Years Centres, private centres, infant homes
- Data Strategy



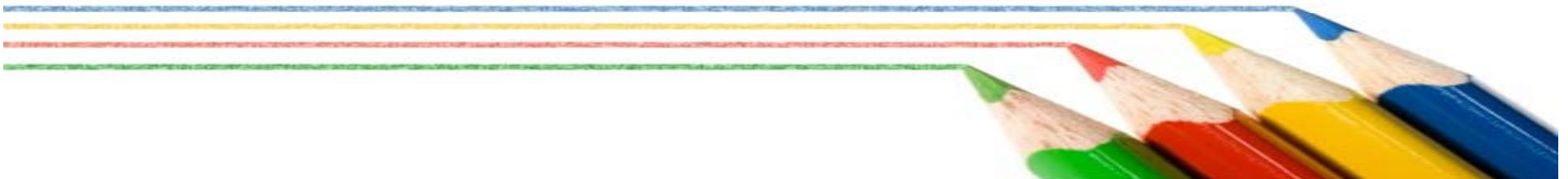
# Quality

- Appreciation for ECE qualifications
- Need for post-secondary courses – FAST!
- Curriculum framework
- Quality measures
- ECE wage grid – significant increases
- Professional Development
- Parent involvement



# Access

- 2x Canadian average for access for 0-6 year olds
- Cost a factor - \$5K more for 4 years ECEC than for 4 years full time university
- Regulated and reduced parent fees
- Central registry
- Expansion based on need



# Now what?

- Funding
- New legislation/regulations
- Workplace training program
- Early Years Steering Committee
- Provincial evaluation



# More Information

Preschool Excellence Initiative

[http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/edu\\_ExcellIniti.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/edu_ExcellIniti.pdf)

The Early Years Report

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