

**First Call Goal One: To Improve Pregnancy Outcomes***ECDI Action Area: Promote healthy pregnancy, birth and infancy*

<b>What Do Children and Families Need?</b>	<b>Areas of Provincial Government Responsibility (Best Basket)</b>	<b>BC Government Programs (Before ECDI Basket)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>ECDI Improvements and Expansions (ECDI Basket)</b>
Public Education	Include ECD in school curriculum with preschool, elementary and high school students. Promote understanding of ECD issues affecting children and families	<i>School programs</i>	
Nutrition	Promote breast feeding Provide supplements	<i>Healthiest Babies Possible Prenatal Programs School-based programs for young parents</i>	
Healthy Environments	Enforce legislation with regard to tobacco and second-hand smoke	<i>enforcement intermittent throughout BC</i>	
Parent Education and Parental Supports	Prenatal education Promote strong role for fathers “Mothering” programs that are culturally sensitive Promote links to community resources Home visiting	<i>Healthiest Babies Possible School-based programs for young parents Building Blocks Pre natal classes Family Resource Programs Good Food Box Community Kitchen</i>	
Early Detection of Difficulties	Provide home visits of all newborns by PHN Prenatal screening	<i>Healthiest Babies Possible School-based programs for young parents Building Blocks</i>	
Secure Attachment	Promote secure attachment Screen for maternal depression Provide priority access to mental health, addictions and detox services for women	<i>School-based programs for young parents Building Blocks</i>	
Safety	Screen for domestic violence in prenatal period	<i>School-based programs for young parents Building Blocks Healthy Connections</i>	

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**First Call Goal Two: To Support Parents of Young Children**

*ECDI Action Area: Improve Parenting and Family Supports*

<b>What Do Children and Families Need?</b>	<b>Areas of Provincial Government Responsibility (Best Basket)</b>	<b>BC Government Programs (Current Basket)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>ECDI Improvements and Expansions (ECDI Basket)</b>
Public Information	Provide information about early childhood development to all parents including First Nations parents, recent immigrants, parents in rural and remote communities		
Parenting Support and Education	Promote healthy parent-child relationships  Promote family literacy  Promote parent literacy  Promote social opportunities amongst families  Enhance connectedness of families to community resources  Access to recreational opportunities Provide programs to off reserve Aboriginal families in cooperation with mainstream agencies and services	<i>Family Resource Programs</i> <i>Mother Goose</i> <i>Nobody's Perfect</i> <i>Building Blocks</i> <i>Community Kitchens</i> <i>Neighbourhood Houses</i> <i>Good Food Box</i>	

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**First Call Goal Three: To Build a System of High Quality, Affordable, Accessible Child Care Services**

*ECDI Action Area: Strengthen early childhood development, learning and care*

<b>What Do Children and Families Need?</b>	<b>Areas of Provincial Government Responsibility (Best Basket)</b>	<b>BC Government Programs (Current Basket)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>ECDI Improvements and Expansions (ECDI Basket)</b>
<p>Access to regulated, high quality, affordable non-parental care arrangements regardless of family circumstances</p>	<p>Establish universal access to quality, regulated, licensed child care</p> <p>Provide a full range of services that meet diverse family needs</p> <p>Engage in comprehensive community planning for child care</p> <p>Build delivery models that integrate child care with other family supports</p> <p>Provide subsidies that correspond with cost of child care while transitioning away from user pay system</p> <p>Establish First Nations jurisdiction over child care (on and off reserve).</p> <p>Expand parental leave provisions and progressive family/work policies</p>	<p><i>Child Care is primarily market driven and funded by parent user fees. Some support systems are partially funded by the BC government.</i></p> <p><b><i>For Children and Families</i></b>  <i>Subsidy for low income families</i>  <i>Child Care Resource and Referral</i>  <i>Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre</i></p> <p><b><i>For Providers</i></b>  <i>Child Care Resource and Referral</i>  <i>Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre</i>  <i>ECE Training Programs</i></p> <p><i>Provincial Grant Programs including Compensation Contribution, Emergency Repair, Replacement and Relocation and Infant Toddler Incentive Grant</i></p> <p><i>BC Association of Child Care Services</i></p>	
<p>Enriched environments that</p>	<p>Establish Provincial child care regulations</p>	<p><i>Community Care Facility Act and Child</i></p>	

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<p>promote healthy early childhood development</p>	<p>that ensure quality care environments                  Promote inclusion of children in programs of family choice                  Promote training for child care providers                  Provide wages, benefits and working conditions that reflect the value of the work                  Include parent education and support that promotes meaningful parent involvement</p>	<p><i>Care Licensing Regulation</i>  <i>Supported Child Care</i></p>	
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**First Call Goal Four: To Develop and Enhance a System of Early Identification, Support and Intervention for Families With Children at Risk for Developmental Delay and Children with Disabilities**

*ECDI Action Area: Strengthen Early Childhood Development and Care (same as previous chart)*

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Public Education	Provide public education about the risks and benefits of immunization	<i>Regional Health Authorities</i>	
Intervention Services for Children	<p>Provide universal immunizations including meningitis (meningococcal and pneumococcal) and chicken pox (with choice to opt-out)</p> <p>Provide access to universal early screening programs for all children e.g. Ages and Stages Assessment, ASQSE</p> <p>Expand neo natal follow up to children over 800 grams</p> <p>Provide intervention services for children at risk for developmental problems</p> <p>Support early intervention for Aboriginal children both on and off reserve</p> <p>Full inclusion of children with their peers in high quality early childhood education programs</p>	<p><i>Infant Development Programs</i></p> <p><i>Aboriginal Infant Development Programs</i></p> <p><i>HIPPY</i></p> <p><i>Supported Child Care</i></p>	

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Supports for Families	Provide supports to families addressing children with developmental delays/disabilities		

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*ECDI Action Area: Strengthen Community Supports*

First Call: Focus on government role in strengthening community supports

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Public Education	Make information accessible to all  Shift public attitudes and values about children as a private responsibility		
Policy Development	Develop an impact checklist to look at government decisions from the lens of consequences to children and families Address adequate income and income inequality Implement entitlement of food security, mental health support, housing, transportation, adequate income	BC Family Benefits legislation	
Coordination of Services	Facilitate inter-ministry planning and initiatives Establish tables that bring government/ corporate sectors and community together Sustain community networking and collaboration		
Evaluation of Services	Promote ongoing research and program evaluation Promote ongoing development of best practice guidelines Establish standards for community agencies that are monitored and enforced	Centre for Community Child Health Research Human Early Learning Project (HELP)	

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