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As a champion of early childhood education, you will already know that the Government of Canada announced a historic \$30 billion investment in April to build a high-quality, affordable and accessible early learning and child care (ELCC) system nationwide.

This was a monumental announcement for Canada and an important step forward for families, but the work does not stop here. The federal government is in the process of negotiating five-year agreements with each of Canada's territories and provinces to determine how and when this funding will be allocated.

British Columbia, Manitoba, the Yukon, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador have reached agreements with the federal government. There are also a lot of incredible people and organizations working in every single corner of our country to make this dream a reality.

We can recognize the very important work that is now underway. I am pleased to announce that in addition to our regular Early Years Study newsletters, we are launching a new Regional Briefs series through our recently-released [ECEforCanada.ca](https://ECEforCanada.ca) website. This series, organized regionally by Northern Territories and the West, Central and East, will provide you with the key highlights and updates you need to know from each region.

We've already sent out our first editions of the ECE for Canada Regional Briefs which you can access [here](#). Signing up is simple – you can visit our [webpage](#) or click the “subscribe” button below.

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I encourage you to read through each of the briefs and sign up for any of the regions you are interested in.

This is an exciting time for Canadians – I hope you will join us as we shine a light on early childhood education in Canada.

Regards,

Hon. Margaret Norrie McCain



#### Eastern Canada Brief

On July 28, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Andrew Furey announced a \$347 million agreement to improve access, affordability and the quality of early learning and child care programming in the province. [Read more.](#)



### **Central Canada Brief**

On August 5, Premier François Legault joined Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to announce an asymmetrical agreement that will see the federal government transfer nearly \$6 billion to Quebec over the next five years. [Read more.](#)



### **Western and Northern Canada Brief**

This week, Families, Children and Social Development Minister Ahmed Hussen joined Manitoba Families Minister Rochelle Squires to reveal a \$1.2 billion agreement to support Manitoba families. The deal, announced on August 9, will help increase affordability and access to early childhood education opportunities. [Read more.](#)