

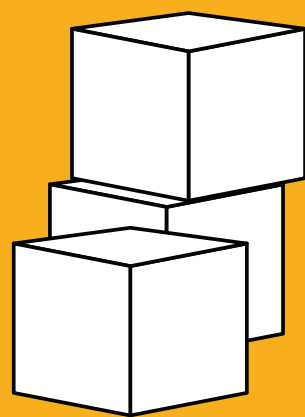
DID YOU KNOW...

Alberta Child Care Licensing Regulations that helps guide licensed child care operators is due to expire this year?

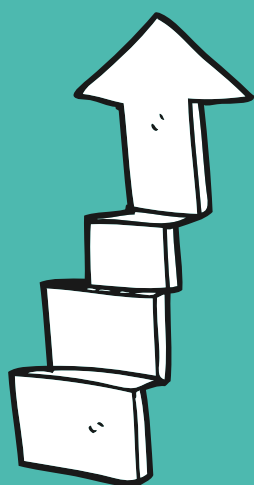
These set out the minimum standards that must be met in a licensed child care program to ensure that safety, well-being and developmental needs of children are met.

EVOLUTION OF CHILD CARE

As all things evolve over time, we want to ensure that the Early Childhood Sector does as well. You know as much as we do, that children are our most valuable resource and we need to commit to providing the best opportunities for them in their early years so they can grow to their full potential.



WE WANT GOALS THAT COMMIT TO HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE THAT SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

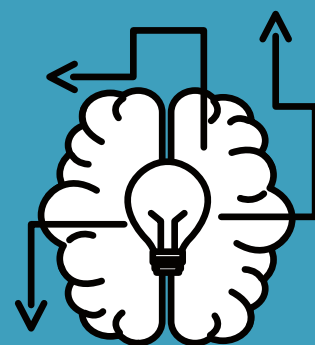


- Developing resilience, determination, confidence, creativity, critical thinking, communication and social skills.
- Becoming responsible citizens who make positive contributions to society with a respect for nature, the environment and social and cultural diversity
- Recognizing the importance of peace, quality and friendship

Excerpt from: Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta

HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT:

“Early experiences matter...” A child's genes, environment, experiences and relationships all work together to shape the architecture of the brain.



- Brain development begins in pregnancy and undergoes its most rapid and critical period of growth during the first 2000 days.
- High quality child care experiences help shape the foundation of the child's future and have lasting benefits.
- There are many indicators of quality child care and they need to be captured within the new regulations.

Adapted from zerotothree.org and Alberta Family Wellness Initiative

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