

MNO Education & Training

# EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

INFRASTRUCTURE  
& PARTNERSHIPS

**IMPACT  
REPORT  
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Métis Nation  
of Ontario 

## WHAT WE DO

As the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Infrastructure & Partnerships team, we are committed to developing partnerships, connections, and relationships with early learning and child care partners and educators to promote awareness of Métis culture and history through the development and promotion of foundational early learning documents, regulations, pedagogy, and curriculum. Our infrastructure projects support Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) facilities, with a specific focus on developing sustainable, culturally relevant infrastructure to increase the availability of affordable and accessible child care programs.

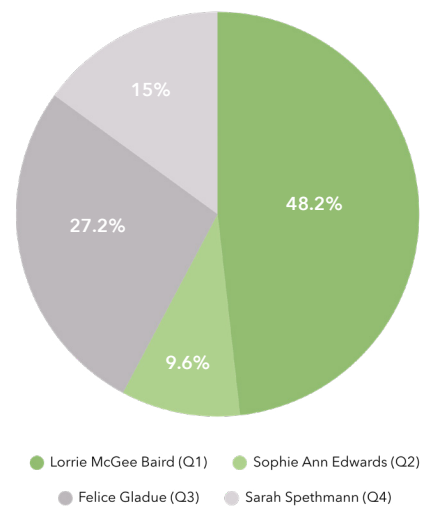
## ELCC ADVISORS & COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Our team includes ELCC Advisors who build professional relationships with child care facilities and organizations to create opportunities for sharing Métis cultural knowledge and Métis-specific resources, like story bag kits. These teaching resources are safe, demonstrate cultural appreciation, and foster allyship, and the Advisors often host workshops and info sessions to share how educators can incorporate these resources into teaching environments. These efforts are essential to the fostering of a Community of Practice on the MNO Education Hub mobile app, which encourages educators to connect with one another, access support resources, and register for MNO events. Notably, the *An Evening With...* event series, which features insightful presentations on teaching pedagogies from guest educators and spawns lively follow-up discussions on the MNO Education Hub. Based on feedback received from partners, the Advisor team has also been developing an online learning management system that enables access to asynchronous learning courses and resources. Like the MNO Education Hub, this system will allow the Advisors to more effectively support requests from educators for learning opportunities.

"Thank you so much for your wonderful presentation yesterday. Your classroom setup and the excellent conversation inspired my team! They spent the afternoon in their classrooms creating new, inviting spaces for the children to explore."

"I work with Indigenous children, and these presentations and workshops help me understand the Métis culture and ways I can better support the children."

*An Evening With...* Event Participation Breakdown:



### ELCC ADVISORS

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1377**

total participants at presentations to partners and stakeholders

**533**

total participants across all four *An Evening With...* events

**38**

total presentations hosted by the Advisors for partners and stakeholders

**106**

user comments made in *An Evening With...* follow-up discussions on the MNO Education Hub

"I had such an amazing time! I learned so many things that I will most definitely be incorporating into my preschool room!"

"Thank you for the inspiration and learning. My heart is full, and I learned so much."

"What an incredible presentation. I took so many ideas with me today."

"The joy and enthusiasm presented to us is what I aspire to be when I work with my kids."

## HEALTH & WELLNESS **BY THE NUMBERS**

**122**

total participants across all three virtual sessions

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Offered for three consecutive weeks in January 2026, the Health & Wellness Series is a direct benefit program intended to support the wellbeing of MNO citizens working as early years professionals. The program's run included three virtual sessions and provided educators with healing supplies and activities, like teas and medicines.

"I am blown away by the amount and quality of the supplies provided! Everything was well thought out and chosen with purpose and pride."

## REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (RECE) SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) Support Program supports MNO citizens who are Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs). Through this program, Métis RECEs can have their Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators (OCECE) membership fees reimbursed. This reimbursement also includes the application fee and yearly renewal fee but does not include reinstatement fees. Métis RECEs can also apply to have up to \$1,000 reimbursed per fiscal year for CECE renewal and professional development.

## RECE SUPPORT PROGRAM **BY THE NUMBERS**

**54**

Métis RECEs were reimbursed for CECE renewal fees

**16**

Métis RECEs were reimbursed for outdoor clothing for their practice

**12**

Métis RECEs were reimbursed for professional development opportunities (e.g. workshops, conferences) and/or First Aid CPR training and vulnerable sector checks

## HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Our Home Child Care Program creates opportunities for Métis citizens across the province to open their own home child care programs. The program was designed for Métis individuals who are already providing unlicensed care and wish to become licensed, as well as those seeking to establish a home child care program. In addition, we provide ongoing capacity-building and support to these educators and providers. Key to this is also the development and sharing of home child care resource kits with teaching activities. Ultimately, the Home Child Care Program aims to expand the number of childcare spaces throughout the province and develop accessible, high-quality, affordable, and culturally appropriate Métis-led programming.

"The Home Child Care kits have been such a wonderful resource for our program. As a forest school that follows the children's lead and interests, it's so helpful to have versatile, ready-to-use activities we can bring both indoors and outdoors whenever a new interest or skill emerges. The kits make it easy to incorporate Métis and Indigenous culture into our learning, and as a new MNO member, I've loved learning alongside the children."

## HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAM **BY THE NUMBERS**

**6**

licensed home child care providers are currently enrolled in the program

**6**

licensed home child care agencies are currently collaborating with us in the program

## ABOUT EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose has a key objective: to encourage academic and skills development and help citizens achieve their educational aspirations. Thirty years ago, the MNO established the Education & Training Branch to accomplish this, offering training initiatives funded by the Métis Human Resources Development Agreement. Since its inception in 1996, our branch has grown to include a comprehensive range of programs that support citizens throughout their educational journeys: from early learning through kindergarten to grade twelve, into adulthood through post-secondary education, and into employment and the job market. We also work to retain and revitalize our languages, honour our culture and way of life, and provide ongoing learning outside formal education structures.

As a branch, we also advocate for an inclusive education system by ensuring a Métis voice in education decisions, including the development of education policies and programs in Ontario. Our expertise and investments are critical to educational outreach, resource development, and the development and implementation of education action plans, achieved through productive engagement with Provincial and Federal ministries. We foster partnerships among communities, school boards, colleges, universities, the employment sector, and other key stakeholders to create a culture of lifelong learning within our communities. We are here to support Métis learners, educators, job seekers, and citizens who engage with education systems.

While our mission remains the same, our distribution and implementation of education & training initiatives have changed dramatically since 1996: training and support programs have been made more accessible to citizens by harnessing new technologies and digital platforms such as the MNO Education Hub and Learn Michif-Français mobile apps, social media, online learning and training modules, and streamlined online program applications. While we continue to seek ways to modernize the branch for our citizens by implementing new platforms and tools, we take great pride in being Métis, and it is essential for us to stay true to our cultural values and history. Thirty years later, our branch continues to look forward to sharing our traditions with future generations as we aspire to achieve our highest potential.

*Bryanna Scott-Kay*

**Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay**

Director, Education & Training Branch, MNO



## ABOUT THE ET BRANCH SASH

One of the most prominent symbols of the Métis Nation is the brightly coloured, woven sash. Originally used for both practical purposes and cultural expression, the sash holds deep significance within Métis culture. The Education & Training Branch has its own special sash, featuring colours representing the different teams and important ideologies.

**Light Green:** Early Learning & Child Care

**Purple:** Kindergarten - Grade 12

**Light Blue:** Post-Secondary Education

**Yellow:** Métis Languages Initiatives

**Red:** Employment & Training

**Dark Green:** All E&T programs coming together to support a Métis person's lifelong learning journey

**Dark Blue:** Métis inclusion in all learning environments

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Download the **MNO Education Hub** app to stay up to date with ELCC programs & events!





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