



MNO Education & Training

EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

**IMPACT
REPORT
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Métis Nation
of Ontario 

WHAT WE DO

As the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Programs & Services team, we are committed to supporting Métis children aged 0-12 and their families through a holistic range of early learning programs, services, and resources. Early childhood education lays the foundation for lifelong learning, and we strive to ensure Métis children get a strong start and grow into resilient learners. We deliver programs that provide direct financial support to families, helping more Métis children access healthy, culturally grounded education. We also develop foundational early learning documents, regulations, pedagogy, and curriculum.

ELCC FAMILY SUPPORTS

Our Family Support Programs consist of several distinct programs: The Child Care Subsidy Program provides Métis families with financial support to access quality child care; the Child Care Stipend Program provides support for alternative child care when licensed child care is not an option; the Extra-Curricular Support Program helps Métis children access activities and equipment that support their social, emotional, and physical wellbeing; and the Summer Child Care Subsidy Program provides access to summer camp programming for school-aged children. Together, these programs provide support and make education more accessible to Métis children across Ontario.

"The Extra-Curricular Reimbursement Program has made a huge difference for our family. Over the past year, my son has been able to participate in five different activities, giving him the chance to explore new interests and build confidence. Without this support, it would have been very difficult financially to provide him with those opportunities. I'm incredibly thankful that this program helps families like ours give kids the chance to try, learn, and grow."

"Our family has greatly benefited from the programs you offer, and the hard work you do is such a blessing to many! Our children's lives have been enriched by the experiences they've been able to have because of this funding."

"As a single parent with no child support, the cost of extra-curricular activities can be a lot in today's world – even while working full-time. This support makes a meaningful difference by allowing our children to stay involved!"

"We are incredibly grateful for the Extra-Curricular Reimbursement Program and the meaningful impact it has had on our daughter. She has been able to participate in gymnastics, swimming, and skating – opportunities that would not have been possible for us without this funding. We have watched her grow in confidence, strength, and skill, and she is learning perseverance, coordination, and teamwork. We are deeply thankful."

ELCC FAMILY SUPPORTS

BY THE NUMBERS

2790

children supported through the Extra-Curricular Support Program

1644

families supported through the Extra-Curricular Support Program

193

children supported through the Child Care Stipend Program

123

families supported through the Child Care Stipend Program

843

children supported through the Child Care Subsidy Program

546

families supported through the Child Care Subsidy Program

2885

children approved to access programs and kits through ELCC One Application

1607

families approved to access programs and kits through ELCC One Application

DRC
BY THE NUMBERS

189

clients supported by the DRC Program

189

clients supported by the DSS Program

170

clients attended Parent Engagement Workshops

DEVELOPMENTAL RESOURCE CONSULTANT (DRC) SUPPORTS

The Developmental Resource Consultant (DRC) Program provides support to Métis children aged 0-8 years by offering advocacy and navigation services so families can identify learning barriers and access support. Additionally, the DRC team offers parent engagement workshops and support groups focused on child development. Sessions include supporting children with Autism, learning disabilities, and developmental delays. If a child requires further assessment or intervention, they can be referred to the Developmental Services and Support (DSS) Program. This program addresses the needs of Métis children and improves access to clinical services and early intervention supports in homes, childcare settings, and schools.

"Working with our DRC for my daughter has been such a gift. My daughter is now not only aware of her differences, but does not feel ashamed of her needs. This goes a long way to helping heal the effects of intergenerational trauma, poverty, and lack of access to education. My daughter's future is brighter because of this team, and she is able to be her own authentic self with her own needs and aspirations."

"Our DRC has been fantastic in helping arrange programs and support. She helped get our son diagnosed and have the process funded, which was a massive relief. This funding has been instrumental in my son's progress and we are so grateful."

"Our DRC has truly become like family to us. Navigating the challenges in our household and at school felt overwhelming but receiving support for our daughter has been life changing. She is now able to focus at school, regulate her emotions, and is even building a social life. The care, dedication, and compassion we've received have made a profound difference in our daughter's progress and our family's well-being. We are deeply grateful for the continued support."

ELCC SPECIAL PROJECTS

Our Special Projects team oversees the development of early years books, resources, and Métis-based learning kits that connect to play-based learning. This work includes overseeing the Christmas Program, Baby Bundle Program, and Back-to-School Backpack Program, which all provide Métis families and educators with unique learning resources. The Special Projects team is also a community partner of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides children (ages 0-5) with free books. Key to their work, the Special Projects team also hosts virtual and in-person events, including Camp AGA, in-person and virtual camps, and Rendezvous. Notably, the team hosts an annual professional Early Learning & Child Care conference where educators can connect and learn about Métis ways of knowing and how to incorporate this knowledge into their learning environments.

"My children absolutely loved their experience, teachers, programming, and made friends that they miss very much. They loved learning about their culture and are asking to know more."

"Fall camp was expertly planned and executed. When we returned home, our kids made presentations to their classes about what they learned and their new experiences. Thank you for these memories!"

SPECIAL PROJECTS
BY THE NUMBERS

2740

children supported through the Christmas Gift Program (1510 families)

437

attendees at the annual Professional Conference in February 2026

1916

Back-to-School Kits shipped

1424

Annual Early Learning Kits shipped

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.

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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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