

Summary of Annual Financial Reporting on ECD Activities (\$000's)

	Notes	Baseline Year 0 00/01	Total Year 1 01/02	Total Year 2 02/03	Total Year 3 03/04	Total Year 4 04/05	Total Year 5 05/06	Change Over 2000/01 Baseline
ECD - Early learning and child care services	1							
ECD - Income supports to families								
ECD - All other programs & services	2		344,915	378,052				
Total Investment - all ECD Programs								
Less: Total Federal Transfers		0	29,600	39,700	52,400	65,100	143,900	
Provincial Contribution to ECD Programs or (Federal Transfers not yet invested in ECD)								

OBSERVATIONS

Alberta implemented an ECD Initiative in 1998/99, and since that time public reporting suggests an increased provincial contribution to this initiative. While Alberta has issued public reports through 2003/04, due to information gaps as outlined in the notes below we were unable to confirm the FPT baseline (2000/01) investments and the total investments in subsequent years' public reports. At the time of this analysis, public reports were not available for 2004/05 and 2005/06 and therefore the federal transfers for those years are not yet accounted for.

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- Public reports available through 2003/04, however we were unable to track total investment in child care services, in part because 2003/04 report states that "it is important to note that this report focuses on investments stimulated by the Early Childhood Development Agreement and the Multilateral Framework on Early Learning and Childcare, representing only a small part of Alberta's total investments in child care services" (p. 33). Furthermore, investments under, and categorization of, Child Care Subsidy Program not clearly reported.
 - 2000/01 report indicates investments of \$63.8 million (1998/99) and \$63.9 million (2000/01) under "Child Care Subsidy and Integrated Child Care (CS)". No detail provided in text.
 - 2001/02 report on Early Childhood Development does not include this investment (see p. 22). No explanation provided in accompanying notes, nor is this investment, or any other child care-specific program, described in the accompanying text.
 - 2002/03 report indicates Child Care Subsidy Program expenditures of \$44 million, with accompanying information including rates, monthly average # of subsidized children in child care (10,158) and average monthly subsidy (\$356) (p32).
 - 2003/04 report indicates reduced Child Care Subsidy Program expenditures (\$41 million) with increased monthly average # of subsidized children (10,600).

Alberta received \$2.5 million under the Multilateral Framework Agreement in 2003/04; however, the information presented in the 2003/04 public report did not clearly show a corresponding increase in child care investments reported.
- Public reports show increased investment in and/or access to early childhood services between 1998/99 and 2002/03.
 - 2003/04 totals not included because program information (pages 36-39) not consistently comparable to table (p. 42) listing investments for 1998/99, 2001/02 and 2002/03.
 - 2000/01 not comparable or included because key program investment information (Services to Children with High Risk Circumstances) not available (p.5 ECD Baseline Report).

Annual Reporting on Comparative Non-Financial Early Learning and Child Care Indicators

	Baseline Year 0 00/01	Total Year 1 01/02	Total Year 2 02/03	Total Year 3 03/04	Total Year 4 04/05	Total Year 5 05/06	Change Over Baseline
AVAILABILITY							
Number of licensed day care spaces			25,494	25,494			
Number of family day home opportunities (spaces)			9,061	9,061			
			<u>34,555</u>	<u>34,555</u>			
AFFORDABILITY							
<i>Clear comparative indicators not available</i>							
QUALITY (2003/04, p. 40)							
<i>Certified staff providing child care:</i>							
Level 1 - minimum 50 hours ECD coursework (note 1)			2,945	2,595			
Level 2 - one year post-secondary ECD			711	676			
Level 3 - minimum two years post-secondary ECD			1,109	1,204			
			<u>4,765</u>	<u>4,475</u>			
Number of staff receiving Staff Support Funding Grants			4,000	>4,000			
Number of eligible daycare centres receiving Quality Recognition/Improvement Grants			444	493			

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1. 2002/03 report, p. 28 shows 2002/03 figure as 2,495.