

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 Baseline
ECD – Early learning and child care services	1	7,500			14,567			
ECD – Income supports to families	2	6,000			7,650			
ECD – All other programs & services	3	13,000			16,383			
Total Investment – all ECD Programs		26,500			38,600			
Less: Total Federal Transfers		0	7,300	9,600	12,500	15,300	33,200	
Provincial Contribution to ECD Programs or (Federal Transfers not yet invested in ECD)	4	26,500			26,100			
% Funding for child care services		28.3%			37.7%			
% Funding for income supports		22.6%			19.8%			
% Funding for other ECD programs		49.1%			42.4%			
Total		100.0%			100.0%			

OBSERVATIONS

While public reports are available through 2003/04, investment chart not completed for 2001/02 and 2002/03 due to information gaps. Specifically, Day Care Assistance Program (subsidies) and NB Child Tax Benefit expenditures missing in 2001/02, while latter missing in 2002/03. Both programs are substantial and were included in the baseline report. As a result, we cannot confirm total change in ECD investments and use of federal transfers for these years. Furthermore, at the time of this analysis, public reports were not available for 2004/05 and 2005/06, so the federal transfers for those years are not yet accounted for.

NOTES

1. Early learning and child care services includes Enhanced Child Day Care Services (quality improvement funding, training initiative and promotion of safety and security* (2003/04)), Early Intervention & Integrated Day Care Services component of Early Childhood Initiatives (ECI), Day Care Assistance (subsidies).
2. Includes the New Brunswick Child Tax Credit and the Prenatal Benefit Program. The latter was introduced utilizing federal transfers, and accounts for the increased investment in this area.
3. Other ECD programs includes baseline EC Initiatives (description below) of \$13 million, including Infant/Parent Attachment Pilot Program investment where the latter is reported separately (2001/02 and 2002/03). In 2003/04, the Infant/Parent Attachment appears to be included within the Early Intervention and Integrated Day Care Services investments reported under early learning and child care. Assuming Infant/Parent Attachment is relatively small component of ECI enhancements (\$40,000 in 2002/03), change in categorization should not have a significant impact. The \$13 million provincial baseline funding for Early Childhood Initiatives (ECI) program supports “pregnant women and children <5 whose development is at risk. Services include pre/postnatal screening and intervention, early intervention services, school readiness clinics for 3 1/2 year olds, integrated day care services for children with special needs, and home economics services” (p8, 2003/04 report).

Federally funded enhancements to this program, reaching \$2.044 million by 2003/04, included under Early Learning and Child Care (see note 1) as they primarily relate to increasing spaces for early intervention and integrated day care services/reducing waiting lists and financial assistance to improve accessibility to full-time integrated daycare services for working parents of children with special needs (p.8).

4. Although public reporting for 2000/01 and 2003/04 is included on investment chart, some information in these reports is unclear. For example, Minister’s message indicates some variability in provincial contribution over time (i.e. “over \$26 million” in update report (2001/02), “over \$25 million” in 2002/03, and “\$26 million” in 2003/04); explanation of changes not included. Comparison of provincial contribution reported in 2000/01 (baseline) to 2003/04 indicates new investment in Administration and Program Support added in 2003/04 (p.16); meanwhile provincial contribution to child care subsidy has decreased. Following table summarizes reporting of provincial contribution:

	\$ millions	2000/01	2003/04
Day Care Services Program - Staffing costs*		*n/a	*n/a
Early Childhood Initiatives Program		13.0	13.0
New Brunswick Child Tax Benefit		6.0	6.0
Day Care Assistance Program (subsidies)		7.5	6.4
Administration & Program Support		not included	0.6
		26.5	26.0

** Treatment of baseline staffing costs is confusing; 2000/01 reporting indicated this program existed, but did not provide expenditure information. By 2003/04, expenditures of \$645,000 were reported (p.14) but not included in table total of \$26 million (p.16). Therefore, to reconcile New Brunswick’s 2003/04 table the baseline staffing costs of \$645,000 have not been included, but the enhancements to further promote safety and security (\$600,000) have been.*

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 approved day care spaces	10,258	11,193	11,838	11,897			
Number of facilities	337	359	372	382			
ACCESSIBILITY							
<i>Number of children served in:</i>							
early intervention services	1,621	1,855	1,848	1,822			
integrated day care services	513	543	589	539			
AFFORDABILITY							
Number of children receiving subsidies	>2,700		2,491	2,652			
Average monthly day care subsidy per family			\$261	\$255			
QUALITY							
Average hourly licensed child care staff wages		\$7.04	\$7.95	\$8.44			