

SEEKING PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

For more than 18 years, the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) has been conducting quality research to explore, develop, and share evidence-informed knowledge products that best reflect the unique and diverse public health priorities of First Nations people, Inuit, and Métis people across Canada. The NCCIH is currently conducting a study to explore the concept of quality early learning and child care for First Nations children residing on reserve.


The aim of this study is to answer the question, **what constitutes quality care of young First Nations children?** By answering this question, the NCCIH will help to inform and strengthen early learning and child care programs and policies designed to support children and families in First Nations communities.

The NCCIH is **seeking First Nations project participants** from across Canada to share their insights and perspectives on matters related to the early learning and development of young First Nations children residing on reserve. **All project participants must be at least 18 years of age and identify with one or more of the following participant groups:**

- ✓ First Nations early childhood experts and practitioners
- ✓ First Nations Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- ✓ Parents/caregivers of First Nations children aged birth to six years

For more information about this project or to register to participate in an interview or focus group session, please contact:

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All interviews and focus group discussions will be conducted virtually through Zoom. Participation in this study is completely voluntary, and a small gift or honourarium will be offered to all project participants.

Interested First Nations individuals who meet the noted criteria for participation will be invited to participate in either an individual interview or a small group discussion focused on various themes related to early learning and child care for young First Nations children residing on reserve, including:

- The social, political, and historical aspects of programming;
- Indicators of quality early learning and child care;
- The governing structures pertaining to childhood programs and services on reserve; and
- The cultural safety in early childhood environments.



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Deadline to request to participate is 4pm (PST) September 15, 2023. Participant interviews are available in French on request.



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This study has received Research Ethics Board approval from the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Questions about this study may be directed to the study's Principal Investigator, Sarah de Leeuw at (250) 960-5250 or sarah.deleeuw@unbc.ca.