



## Joint News Release: GNWT and NWTECA agree on terms of reference to support partnership

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 8, 2024)** – The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Northwest Territories Early Childhood Association (NWTECA) have agreed on [terms of reference](#) to guide their partnership to establish an early learning and child care system that provides quality programs and supports licensed family day homes and centre-based programs.

The GNWT and the NWTECA hold regular meetings to discuss important matters affecting the sector. The goal of this agreement is to foster transparency between the GNWT, the NWTECA's board, and its members to ensure that licensed program operators and early childhood educators fully understand changes to the sector and how they will be impacted.

### Quotes

"Early childhood educators play a vital role in the development of the children in their care. This terms of reference clarifies how the GNWT and the NWTECA will share information to collaborate on the continued transformation of the early learning and child care sector. This collaboration is essential to creating an early learning and child care system that benefits everyone."

**-Caitlin Cleveland**, *Minister of Education, Culture and Employment*

"Early learning and child care is an essential service in the Northwest Territories and early childhood practitioners play a key role in the development of quality services. This terms of reference establishes a way for the sector to give input into the decisions that impact licensed family day homes and centre-based programs as we move towards a new, inclusive, and quality system."

**-Patricia Davison**, *Co-Chair, Northwest Territories Early Childhood Association*

### Related Links

- [GNWT and NWTECA Terms of Reference](#)
- [Early Learning and Child Care](#)
- [NWT Early Childhood Association](#)



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