Early Learning and Aboriginal Children

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Early learning affects children’s development and future well-being.
Early learning pays long-term dividends in better health
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I wish I was a messenger and all the news was good
In year 2, 20% of four- and five-year-olds are enrolled in full-day kindergarten across Ontario.
Full-day kindergarten offered in about 2,000 classrooms in nearly 800 schools
• $200 million committed for full-day kindergarten in year 1
• $300 million committed year 2
• to date, $500 million allocated for capital and equipping costs
• over 5 years, capital costs could be $1.7 billion
In year 3, 2012-13, 49% will be enrolled in full-day kindergarten.
Full-day kindergarten will be fully implemented by September 2014
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The Full-Day Early Learning – Kindergarten Program

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Is grade 1 ready for full-day kindergarteners?
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Ministry of Education is responsible for **child care**
Responsibility for child care

child care policy and program –
May 2010

funding and contract management –
January 2011
First Nation child care contract management

April 1, 2011
child care
quality assurance and licensing

January 1, 2012
Our partners

- child care providers
- Best Start networks
- child care advisory committees
- municipalities
- parents
Partnerships in your communities

1. Brainstorm ideas for partnerships in your community to serve the needs of young Aboriginal learners
2. Identify local resources
3. Identify supports and resources you need from the Ministry of Education
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