We are pleased to provide an update on the progress in transitioning child care responsibilities from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (CYS) to the Ministry of Education (EDU). This transition supports the government’s vision of a more seamless, integrated system for young children and families.

On April 27, 2010, the government announced that child care responsibilities would be transferring from CYS to EDU. The first phase in this process was transferring child care policy from CYS to EDU’s Early Learning Division. This phase has been completed.

The next phase involves the transfer of child care funding and contract management. Effective January 1, 2011, EDU will assume responsibility for these functions. The Licensing and enforcement functions for child care will remain with CYS at this time.

Throughout this transition period, our primary focus is to ensure continuity of services to children and their families. Our Ministries will continue to work closely together to ensure a smooth transfer of knowledge and responsibilities.

In the near future you will be receiving additional details regarding next steps in the process to support the transition, and to advise you of your new contacts in the Ministry of Education.
Your ongoing cooperation and commitment to the delivery of high quality child care during this transition is appreciated.

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