

## Session 18 Resources

### Albertan Resources:

#### Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA)

<https://aecea.ca/>

The Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta (AECEA) is a non-profit, member-based society whose members comprise early childhood educators, out of school care staff, child care staff/contractors, post-secondary ELCC students and faculty members and other groups and individuals supportive of the goals of the AECEA. A proud affiliate member of the Canadian Child Care Federation, its goal is to advance a child care profession by providing support, education, and recognition of its members.

#### Family Child Care Association of Alberta (AFCCA)

<http://www.afcca.ca/>

The Alberta Family Child Care Association is an affiliation of contracted family day home agencies in the province. The association was incorporated in January 1989 and has been engaged in promoting the health and well-being of children and families ever since. As an affiliate of the Canadian Child Care Federation the association is involved in national efforts to promote standards and equity in the child care field. Provincially the association seeks to be a voice for families in developing standards that support quality child care.

#### PolicyWise for Children and Families

<https://policywise.com/>

PolicyWise for Children & Families exists to improve child, family and community well-being by leading, creating and mobilizing research and evaluation for evidence-informed policy and practice.

PolicyWise was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2003 and focuses on mobilizing evidence to inform social policy, its collaborative approach and organizational structure: a formal bridge between government, academia and the community.

### Canadian Resources:

#### Canadian Child Care Federation (CCCF)

<http://www.cccf-fcsge.ca/>

This is a national, non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of child care in Canada. It provides information and support to the Canadian child care community, and publishes a journal called *Interaction* four times a year. Many of the resource sheets provided to you during the Orientation Course come from the Canadian Child Care Federation.

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### **Childcare Resource and Research Unit**

[www.childcarecanada.org](http://www.childcarecanada.org)

The Childcare Resource and Research Unit focuses on early childhood care and education research and policy. The website highlights new research findings and provides ongoing updates on current research projects in early childhood care and education. The site contains a section on child care policy with provincial, federal, and international policy developments.

### **SpecialLink: The National Centre for Child Care Inclusion**

[www.speciallinkcanada.org](http://www.speciallinkcanada.org)

SpecialLink provides personalized responses to specific questions, referrals to other organizations and sources of help, information and technical assistance to expand the quality and quantity of opportunities for inclusion in child care, recreation, education, and other community settings, to young children with special needs and their families.

### **KidsMatter**

<https://kidsmatter.ca>

Kids Matter exists to build character, competency, and commitment in the next generation of Canada's kids. We do this by influencing the influencers of kids. We've identified six target groups that we believe are crucial as we seek to influence the influencers of kids. Our whole purpose is to build a foundation of meaning, purpose, significance, and contribution that helps kids live and enjoy life "on purpose."

## **International Resources:**

### **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

<http://www.naeyc.org/>

NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy, and research. They advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.

### **The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)**

<http://nieer.org/>

NIEER conducts and communicates research to support high-quality, effective early childhood education for all young children. The Institute offers independent, research-based advice and technical assistance to policymakers, journalists, researchers, and educators.

### **Zero to Three**

<https://www.zerotothree.org/>

An American national, non-profit organization that provides family members, professionals and policymakers with the knowledge needed to nurture early development.