

JOINT AFN – INAC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) TASK TEAM Operational Terms

Objective:

To provide a national forum to use and share technical expertise and knowledge of First Nations early childhood education. The task team will prepare a summary report.

Outcomes and Outputs:

A list of deliverable(s) will be finalized as the Joint Task Team completes its workplan regarding both short-term (before March 31, 2017) and longer-term outcomes. The main outcomes will include the following:

1. Identify the requirements needed to support and propose recommendations for early year's education programming for First Nations schools and students.
2. Examine regional differences and best practices regarding the implementation of Early Childhood Education in First Nations schools.
3. Identify ways to improve access to quality early childhood education for First Nations students.
4. Connect to the workplan and deliverables of the early learning and child care created under Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

**Note: Each Joint Task Team will ensure they include and consider the unique needs of northern and remote communities as they develop their workplan and complete their deliverables.*

Membership and Commitment:

- Members for the Joint Task Team will be recommended by National Indian Education Council (NIEC), Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Indigenous and Northern Development Canada (INAC) and approved by the Joint Working Committee.
- A maximum of 10 regional members (1 per region), a maximum of 2 AFN members and a maximum of 8 INAC/Government of Canada members.
- Members of the joint task team are expected to have the knowledge and expertise in early childhood education.
- External presenters and experts may be asked to participate from time to time.
- The Joint Task Team will carry out its objectives and activities within a national perspective.

Reporting:

Each Joint Task Team will report regularly on their mutually agreed upon outputs and deliverables to the Joint Working Committee.

Meeting Dates:

Members of the Joint Task Team would be required to participate in 2 national meetings between November 2016 and April 2017. The Joint Task Team will meet on an ongoing basis throughout 2017-2018. The AFN Education Secretariat and INAC Education will be responsible for organizing the overall schedule of the meetings. The following dates are tentatively scheduled:

- January 23, 2017 (12pm-4:30pm) – January 24 (9am-4:30pm), 2017 (Location TBD)
- March 16 (9am-4:30pm) – March 17 (9am-1pm), 2017 (Location TBD)

