

# The BC New Early Learning Framework is here!

**T**he new BC Early Learning Framework is now available online at [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework).

The new BC Early Learning Framework (ELF) was developed after extensive consultation with early childhood educators, primary teachers, academics, Indigenous organizations, Elders, government, and other professionals. It includes several key changes:

- Expanded focus to children from infancy to eight years of age (previously five years of age)
- Increased focus on reconciliation and Indigenous worldviews
- Increased focus on inclusive practices
- Connects with new K–12 curriculum, core competencies, and primary program principles
- Focus on integrating theory with practice
- Updated inquiry questions address all early learners

The original Early Learning Framework, launched in 2008, changed the landscape of early years practice in our province by putting forward an image of the child as capable and full of

potential, and introducing pedagogical narration as a process for reflecting on knowledge and understandings of childhood. There had been significant developments

in the social, political, economic, and cultural context of BC since 2008. The framework reconsidered concepts, language, and connections to revitalize thinking about practice with children, families, and communities in ways that are thoughtful and responsible.

The Early Learning Framework applies to all learning environments, from StrongStart BC programs and primary classrooms to child care settings, preschools, and other early childhood development or child health programs. It also

- Supports dialogue and reflection on the importance of the development and learning of young children
- Guides early learning programs and activities
- Encourages discussion with families about their child's early learning
- Shapes professional development

- Creates a shared image of children to guide the promotion of early learning



\*This information is adapted from [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework).