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MEMORANDUM TO: Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care Contracts

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SUBJECT: 2011-12 Child Care Funding Allocation and Ministry of Education
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This is an exciting time for us in the Ministry of Education (EDU) as we assume responsibility for First Nations child care funding and contract management on April 1, 2011. We are truly looking forward to working more closely with First Nations and share in your commitment to serving the child care sector, families and young children.

As a follow-up to the December 20, 2010 memo from EDU re: Phase 2 Child Care Transfer – Funding and Contract Management, we are pleased to provide you with additional information on your 2011-12 child care funding allocation and details about your new EDU contacts.

In preparation for our new child care funding and contract management role, we want to share with you the fact that we held a meeting on February 17, 2011, with the Chiefs of Ontario Office. This meeting with members of the Social Services Coordination Unit and Deputy Grand Chief Chris McCormick provided an opportunity to share information regarding the transfer of child care funding and contract management.

Overview of EDU Structure to Support the Child Care Program

The Early Learning Division under Jim Grieve, Assistant Deputy Minister, through the Early Learning and Child Care Implementation Branch (ELCCIB), will have responsibility for child care program support and contract management.

Within the ELCCIB there are six Child Care Advisors who are located in EDU’s six regional offices across Ontario: London, Toronto, Barrie, Sudbury/North Bay, Ottawa and Thunder Bay. To support you within this structure, there will be a Child Care Advisor who will work directly with you to provide advice and support on child care programming and contract management.

For questions related to child care programming and contract management, please contact the following Child Care Advisors:

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The Elementary/Secondary Business and Finance Division, under Gabriel F. Sékaly, Assistant Deputy Minister, will have responsibility for financial reporting and issuing payments through the Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch (FAAB).

Financial Analysts within FAAB will be located in Toronto and they will be available to provide support to you on all financial related issues. These analysts will work closely with the Child Care Advisors in regional offices to support you and ensure seamless alignment between the child care program, contract management and reporting processes. Additional details regarding your new Financial Analyst will be forthcoming. In the meantime, your Child Care Advisor will be able to support you on any payment and financial reporting matters.

2011-12 Child Care Funding Allocation and Cash Flow

EDU and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (CYS) have been working closely together to ensure a seamless transfer of child care responsibilities. To that end, EDU will continue to flow child care funding directly to affected First Nations according to the *Day Nurseries Act*. The 2011-12 child care funding allocation has been based on historical amounts which have been provided to EDU from CYS.

Under EDU the cash flow frequency will continue to be made on a monthly basis consistent with the timing of your existing payment schedule beginning in April, 2011.

2011-12 Child Care Service Contracts

The Government of Ontario's Transfer Payment Accountability Directive and principles of prudent fiscal management normally require a signed service contract before funds can be flowed to recipients. However, as 2011-12 will be a transitional year, cash will be flowed to First Nations in advance of receipt of a signed service contract. You can expect to receive your 2011-12 service contract within the next several months.

Staff will be available to provide training and support throughout the service contracting process. In addition, over the next while we look forward to engaging with you to seek your advice on opportunities to implement more streamlined reporting practices and modest improvements to child care business practices where feasible.

Should you have any questions about this memo, please follow-up with your Child Care Advisor directly.

Thank you,



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Attachment

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