



## Statement from BC Aboriginal Child Care Society Marking National Child Day 2017

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**COAST SALISH TERRITORY/ VANCOUVER** – The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) issued the following statement in honour of National Child Day on November 20, 2017.

"On National Child Day, we appeal to all Canadians to join us to seize an historic opportunity to support the creation of a distinct Indigenous early learning child care (IELCC) framework. Together in this we can help to nurture the youngest generation of First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, to support their families, and to help their communities and cultures thrive."

"BCACCS hopes that by continuing to work with Indigenous communities and their leadership, along with Indigenous, federal, and provincial governments, next year we will help implement a framework created, determined and governed by Indigenous people for spiritually enriching, culturally relevant, high quality early childhood development and care for all of our families."

"It is exciting to be part of a movement from across all regions of this land, one gaining momentum in developing a national Indigenous early learning child care framework. This is vital and necessary work, long overdue, of new partnerships and coordination, new capacities, and new Indigenous authorities for Indigenous children and families—as is required, on terms we choose, and are supported to develop."

"There are few better steps toward reconciliation than supporting Indigenous families and their children, provided it is fully resourced, and done in ways that our communities determine and lead."

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More info about BCACCS:

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) is committed to nurturing excellence through community outreach, training, education, research, and advocacy to ensure every Aboriginal child in BC has access to spiritually enriching, culturally relevant, high quality early childhood development and care services. Link to BCACCS [website](#)

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