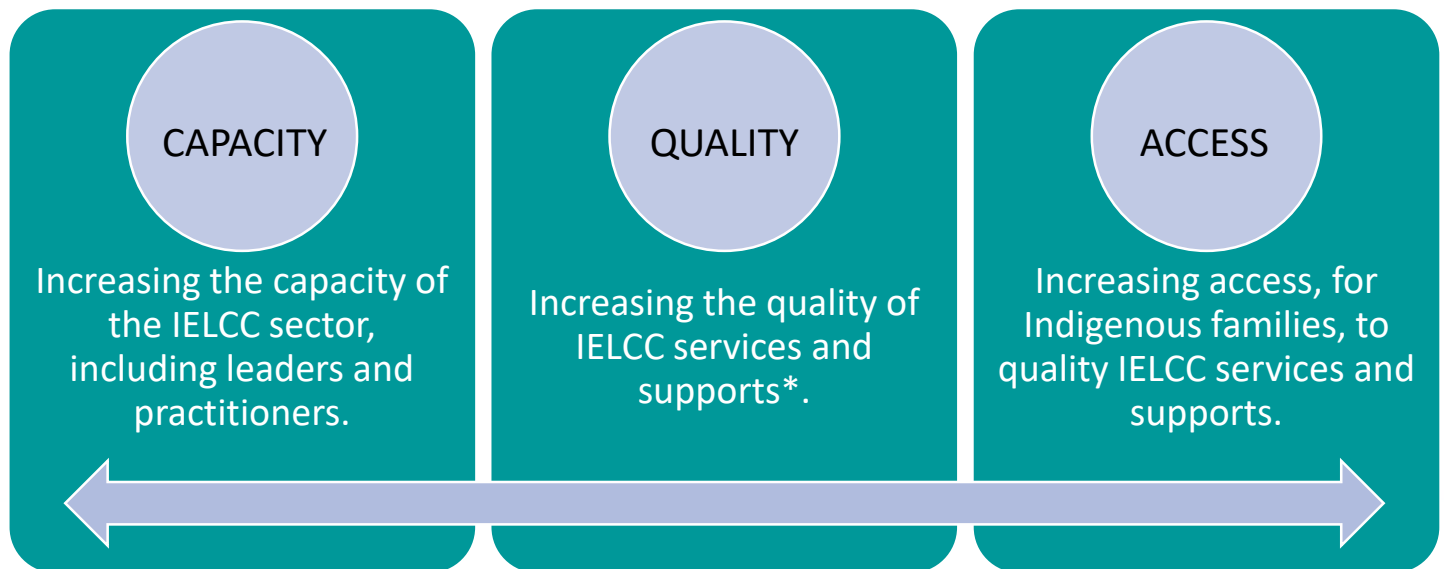The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) has been authorized by regional First Nations leadership to be the Regional Coordinating Structure for the implementation and investment of the national Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC) Framework (2018) in British Columbia.

As outlined in the IELCC Framework, the focus of investments for the next three years (2018-2021) will fall into one or more of the following three areas of impact/change:

| CAPACITY | QUALITY | ACCESS |
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| Increasing the capacity of the IELCC sector, including leaders and practitioners. | Increasing the quality of IELCC services and supports*. | Increasing access, for Indigenous families, to quality IELCC services and supports. |

*As outlined in the *BCACCS Elements of Quality Child Care from the Perspectives of Aboriginal Peoples in British Columbia* https://www.acc-society.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/QualityStatement-short-final.pdf

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The stated intention is for the IELCC Framework to be a decade-long incremental investment by the federal government (2018-2028). What is outlined in the current strategy is a measured approach, covering the initial two-year funding term – while simultaneously preparing for the remining 8 years of the commitment.

There are three key interconnected and progressive phases, to the investment strategy.

**Phase One
2018-2019**

- **QUALITY & CAPACITY**: Wage Enhancement (ongoing)
- **QUALITY:** Community-Driven Quality Review
- **CAPACITY:** Sectoral Engagement Events, with a focus on convening and collaborating (IELCC Leadership Forum, BCACCS Conference, Engagement Workshops)

**Phase Two
2019-2020**

- **QUALITY:** Community-Based Service Grants (based on Community-Driven Quality Review)
- **ACCESS:** Community-Based Minor Capital Grants
- **CAPACITY**: Sector-Building and Leadership Development Initiatives, structured as an *IECE Entry to Practice Initiative\**: Recruitment; Training; Transition to Employment; Mentorship to Leadership Development

**Phase Three
2020-2021**

- **Ongoing investments** in QUALITY, ACCESS, CAPACITY (as outlined above)
- **Refinement of IELCC Investment Strategy for BC**, including engagement and capacity building activities that are determined through the initial two year term of work. This refinement would include the development of plans for years 4-10.