

## **BC Healthy Child Development Alliance Recommendations based on Forum 2007 Report**

1. Develop a B.C. healthy ECD Framework, through the process of collaborative engagement among all stakeholders. This framework will become part of an overall long-term, sustainable, evaluated provincial ECD strategy.
2. Engage Aboriginal Leaders and communities in order to develop an Aboriginal-specific healthy ECD framework that will be implemented in a coordinated and collaborative manner by Aboriginal people in their various communities with the support of flexible government funding.
3. Develop policy and a governance model for an integrated healthy ECD system that is robust enough to guide the process in a successful manner (from the community level to the provincial level) yet flexible enough to meet the needs of individual communities.
4. Develop and consistently implement a clear community-relevant performance and accountability plan that is embedded in the ECD framework and overall ECD strategy.
5. Support families through the provision of a broad continuum of supports (i.e., prevention to intervention) that are identified as being critical to healthy child development.
6. Raise the visibility of women through the education of the public around valuing the role of the parent/caregiver and providing supports to families in order to feel empowered in their child care/work decisions.
7. Educate the public on the importance of healthy ECD and the critical role which child care providers play in that development. Through this process, raise the status of child care providers through the shift in public attitude and provision of appropriate remuneration for their role.
8. Launch a campaign to engage society in order to shift the public view toward to understanding that children are a collective responsibility and hence decisions regarding the support of ECD initiatives impacts all of us.