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To: Early Years and Child Care Partners  
From: Secretariat for the Centres of Excellence  
Date: October 11, 2018  
Re: Centres of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care

Dear Early Years and Child Care Partners,

We trust that you are flourishing, and that autumn is coming in gently. We are writing to share our Secretariat activities to date and provide an update on the work that the three Centres of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care are engaging in.

As the Secretariat, we are in the process of gathering key data about existing professional learning across the province. We are grateful for the enthusiastic support of early years and child care partners in contributing to this initiative. The generous support that the sector has provided is instrumental. Data gathered will help the Centres to determine how to most systematically and equitably develop a pedagogical network to support educators throughout the province in ways that are consistent with the principles outlined in *How Does Learning Happen?* (2014).

We are also developing additional communication channels, in consultation with the Ministry of Education. In particular, in collaboration with the Centres, we are designing an online presence for the work of the Centres. A portal and website will be launched in Spring 2019 to make visible the work of the three Centres and offer a range of learning opportunities and resources related to *How Does Learning Happen?*

Finally, we have included here the Executive Summaries from the Indigenous, Francophone and Provincial Centres, as well as that of the Secretariat. These summaries provide information on

each Centre, including an overview of their goals, objectives, and shared vision for this initiative. With these goals in mind, each Centre has been actively recruiting pedagogists, community educators and pedagogical facilitators and fostering relationships in the extensive early years and child care sector across all ministerial regions.

- Indigenous Centre, Executive Summary  
(<http://bit.ly/ICES-EN>)
- Provincial Centre, Executive Summary  
(<http://bit.ly/PCES-EN>)
- Francophone Centre, Executive Summary  
(<http://bit.ly/FCES-EN>)
- Secretariat, Executive Summary  
(<http://bit.ly/SCES-EN>)

If you know of additional colleagues who are interested in Secretariat initiatives and projects, we encourage you to please share this communication. Any general inquiry questions about the Secretariat for the Centres of Excellence for Early Years and Child Care can be forwarded to Tammy Johnson at [tjohn64@uwo.ca](mailto:tjohn64@uwo.ca). Additional contacts for the individual Centres are:

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Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

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