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**MEMORANDUM TO: Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care Agreements and Licensed Child Care Programs Child Care Administrators**

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**SUBJECT: 2015-16 Child Care Health and Safety Funding**

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The Ministry of Education recognizes the need to address health and safety pressures while balancing service providers' responsibility to comply with health and safety requirements under the *Day Nurseries Act* (DNA). Since 2011-12, First Nations with child care funding agreements and on-reserve licensed child care programs have been able to submit health and safety funding requests to the ministry. We are happy to provide you with your 2015-16 Health and Safety funding application form.

As in 2014-15, we encourage you to submit 2015-16 project requests by **February 27, 2015**. This will allow funding for approved projects to be included in your 2015-16 child care agreements without the need for in-year amendments to expedite the approval process. Also, work can begin in the spring/summer construction season. The ministry will continue to accept requests throughout the year, however earlier approvals will allow construction to take place over the summer months.

Details regarding the ministry's health and safety funding process can be found in the *2014-15 Child Care Business Practice, Service and Funding Guideline* as existing processes, described on pages 18 through 21, will continue to apply. Please complete the enclosed 2015-16 Request Form to apply for health and safety funding and include all supporting documentation such as inspection reports and quotes with the application.

Please contact your Child Care Advisor directly if you have any questions/concerns regarding this memo and the enclosed materials.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a continued collaborative relationship with our First Nation partners as we work to modernize Ontario's child care system so that it better meets the needs of children and families.

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