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**Memorandum To:** Chief Administrative Officers, CMSMs/DSSABs  
General Managers/Commissioners, CMSMs/DSSABs  
Children's Service Managers, CMSMs/DSSABs

**From:** Julia Danos  
Director  
Early Years Implementation Branch

**Date:** May 11, 2017

**Subject:** *Journey Together* Updates

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I am pleased to share with you further details regarding the government's early years commitments under [\*The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples\*](#), which was released on May 30, 2016.

As you know, the *Journey Together* sets out the province's plan to work with Indigenous partners to help address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's findings and Calls to Action, and includes a commitment to help increase the number of off-reserve licensed child care spaces and culturally relevant programming for children and families, to be delivered by Indigenous organizations working with service system managers.

The government will invest up to \$70M over the next two years (including capital investments) for off reserve child care and child and family programs delivered by Indigenous-led organizations, with ongoing annual operating funding of up to \$30M beginning in 2018-19.

The government will also invest up to \$23.5M over the next two years for new and enhanced child and family programs delivered by First Nations, with up to \$12M in ongoing annual operating funding beginning in 2018-19.

As communicated in my memo dated April 12, 2017, we have extended the timelines to submit joint local proposals to September 29, 2017. In support of this change, we will also extend associated timelines noted in your *Journey Together* Capacity Funding transfer payment agreement, including the deadline to spend capacity funds and to submit your capacity funding attestation. Capacity funding must now be expended by October 31, 2017, and attestations are due on December 31, 2017. This information has also been communicated to provincial urban Indigenous organizations.

Attached is an amending agreement reflecting these changes, to be signed and returned to the ministry. You may submit signed amending agreements by email to [tpa.edu.EarlyLearning@ontario.ca](mailto:tpa.edu.EarlyLearning@ontario.ca), or by mail to:

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Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to this important priority. We look forward to continuing to work together to support a strong early years and child care system for First Nations, Métis and Inuit children and families.

Sincerely,



Julia Danos  
Director  
Early Years Implementation Branch

**Resources:**

- [www.ontario.ca/childcare](http://www.ontario.ca/childcare)
- [www.ontario.ca/page/quality-child-care-more-families](http://www.ontario.ca/page/quality-child-care-more-families)
- [www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/FamilyPrograms.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/FamilyPrograms.html)

Cc: EDU Child Care Advisors