



FIRST NATIONS  
**Early Learning  
 & Child Care**  
 CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2024

OUR WAYS, OUR BEADWORK:  
 SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

**WORKSHOP ABSTRACT PROPOSAL FORM**

Presenter Name(s):			
Mailing Address:			
Email Address:		Phone Number:	
Presenter Biography (Occupation, Education, Relevant Experience):			
Workshop Title:			
Maximum Capacity:		Target Audience:	
Workshop Description (include learning outcomes and how workshop connects with conference theme):			

Each workshop session is 75 minutes - Check preference below:

	Thursday, February 1, 2024	Friday, February 2, 2024
AM	Opening Keynote	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 3   9:00 am - 10:15 am
AM		<input type="checkbox"/> Session 4   10:45 am - 12:00 pm
PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 1   1:10 pm - 2:25 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 5   1:10 pm - 2:25 pm
PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Session 2   2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing

Are you willing to repeat your workshop?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Indicate repeat session:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Will you be smudging in the session?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Seating preference:	<input type="checkbox"/> round tables <input type="checkbox"/> row seating <input type="checkbox"/> circle seating <input type="checkbox"/> open space		
Equipment: All Breakout Rooms will have a laptop, screen, podium and microphone. Additional comments or special requirements:			

**Proposal Submissions:**

Workshops will be reviewed and selected based upon session topic, delivery approach, expertise of presenters, and relevance to the conference theme. Complete and submit the Workshop Abstract Proposal Form. Successful applicants will be notified.

Note: travel, accommodations, supplies are the sole responsibility of the presenter.

Workshop Abstract Proposals must be submitted by **December 8, 2023** to:

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### WHO WE ARE

First Nations Early Learning and Child Care (FNELCC) provides guidance to support the development, expansion, and enhancement of Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) programs in all 63 First Nations in Manitoba. ELCC programs include child care, Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve, and a variety of parent-child programming for First Nations children 0-6 years of age and their families.

The strategic plan for FNELCC is informed by the collective wisdom of our partners, Elders, communities, leadership, parents, and families. The strategic plan centres on 8 priority areas of action, which we call our Beads. The work of implementing these beads is called our Beadwork, and is guided by the child-centred principle that every decision, every investment, and every action we take in the work of the First Nations Early Learning and Child Care mandate must be made with our children's best interests in mind.

### OUR BEADWORK

1. Reclaim First Nations Languages and Culture
2. Promote Healing-Centred Engagement
3. Ensure High-Quality and Professional Development
  4. Strengthen Community Capacity
  5. Adopt First Nations Ways of Evaluation
  6. Ensure Transparency and Accountability
  7. Strengthen the Early Learning Community
  8. Adopt a "Children First" Principle

***"We do not need to reinvent the wheel. We have the wheel. It is our way: it has always been our way."***

-Elder Eunice Beardy

### CONFERENCE GOALS

This year's theme highlights our ways and our Beadwork as FNELCC moves forward with this imperative work to support and strengthen Early Learning and Child Care. The work ahead also requires many hands, as it is a shared responsibility, including our partners among all our systems that support children, parents, and families.

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Our target audience includes child care programs, Aboriginal Head Start programs, Nursery and Kindergarten programs, and other programs that support young children and families.

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