

# British Columbians value Early Care and Learning (ECL) Professionals



85%



Child care workers are vital to children's learning.

85%



Child care workers play a vital role in the economy.

84%



Child care workers contribute to children's development.

75%



I consider child care an essential service.

71%



I consider child care workers professionals.

**% of British Columbians who agreed or strongly agreed with these statements in 2022**

**AND YET ...**  
many ECL Professionals don't feel valued

I would love to be considered the same as other teachers, like kindergarten or Grade 1 teachers. I would love for them to think of us as teachers because we are teachers. We're just teachers under the age of 5.

-Early Childhood Educator



**Nearly half of British Columbians surveyed were unsure of whether ECL Professionals were well trained or fairly compensated.**

**Early Childhood Education is a specialized field.**

Tell people about your education in early childhood.



Find the full report online here or at [ecebc.ca](http://ecebc.ca)



**Findings from the Evaluation of the ECL Recruitment and Retention Strategy.**

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