

**TABLE 1.1 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Lead Ministry/Department	Department of Education ^a
Related Ministry/Department	n/a
ECE Supervisory Unit	K-12 Education Branch Early Learning and Child Development Division ^b
Policy Framework	<i>Early Learning Framework</i> ^c <i>Early Learning and Child Care Action Plan</i> (in development) ^d <i>Education Action Plan 2018</i> ^e <i>Education Plan Update June 2021</i> ^f
Legislation	<i>Child Care Act</i> (May 2017) ^g ; last amended cO-5.1 s45 41/22 ^h <i>Schools Act</i> , 1997; last amended 2022 c23 ⁱ
Related Legislation	n/a
Local Service Delivery	2 school districts: 1 English with 4 regional offices ^j that will be integrated into the Department of Education by January 1, 2024, and 1 French – Conseil scolaire francophone ^k There are 4 regions with several regional Early Learning and Child Development offices, each containing staff that oversee the regulated child care sector ^l
Community/Sector Oversight	Early Learning and Child Care Advisory Committee ^m Federation of School Councils ⁿ

^a. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Education. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/>

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^c. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Navigating the Early Years: An Early Childhood Early Learning Framework*. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/Early-Learning-Framework.pdf>

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^e. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Education. *Education Action Plan June 2018: The Way Forward*. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/eap-report.pdf>

^f. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Education Action Plan Update June 2021*. Retrieved from: https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/Education_Action_Plan_Update.pdf

^g. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Child Care Act*. Retrieved from: <https://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/c11-01.htm>

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ⁱ. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Schools Act*. Retrieved from: <https://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/s12-2.htm>

^j. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *School Directory*. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/k12/schoolsdistricts/directory/>

^k. The English school district is being integrated into EDU as of January 1, 2024. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Conseil scolaire francophone provincial*. Retrieved from: <http://www.csfp.nl.ca/>

^l. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Education. *Child Care Regional Offices*. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/department/contact/#section>

^m. Government of Canada. *Canada–Newfoundland and Labrador Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. (CWELCC) – 2021 to 2026*. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/newfoundland-labrador-canada-wide-2021.html#h-b>

ⁿ. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Education. *Building Learning Communities: A Handbook for School Councils 2nd Ed*. Retrieved from: https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/publications_k12_handbook2ndedition.pdf