

**TABLE 1.1 A QUÉBEC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—  
MINISTÈRE DE LA FAMILLE (MFA)**

Lead Department/Ministry	Ministère de la Famille (MFA)
Related Departments/Ministries	<p>The MFA works closely with the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) and the Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux (MSSS).</p> <p>The MFA also liaises with two government agencies under the responsibility of the minister of families: Retraite Québec, with respect to the family allowance, and the Curateur public, which ensures the protection of persons with disabilities.<sup>a</sup></p>
Common ECE Monitoring Unit	<p>Joint MFA and MEQ Committee</p> <p>The MFA works in close collaboration with the MEQ to optimize services offered to families with children from birth to age 8 years, particularly regarding the development of Kindergarten for 4-year-olds and the provision of child care spaces.</p>
Legislation	<p><i>Educational Childcare Act</i> (CQLR c S-4.1.1)<sup>b</sup></p> <p>This Act has been amended three times since 2010, the most recent assent received in April 2022 (see the “New Developments” section).</p>
Related Legislation and Regulations <sup>c</sup>	<p><i>Act respecting the Ministère de la Famille, des Aînés et de la Condition féminine</i> (CQLR c M-17.2)</p> <p><i>Act to Facilitate the Establishment of a Pension Plan for Employees Working in Childcare Services</i> (CQLR c E-12.011)</p> <p><i>Act Respecting Family Benefits</i> (CQLR c P-19.1)</p> <p><i>Act Respecting the Representation of Certain Home Childcare Providers and the Negotiation Process for their Group Agreements</i> (CQLR c R-24.0.1)</p> <p><i>Reduced Contribution Regulation</i> (CQLR c S-4.1.1, r 16)</p> <p><i>Educational Childcare Regulation</i> (CQLR c S-4.1.1, r 2)</p>
Local Authority	The MFA oversees Educational Childcare Services (group child care). The ministry contracts with 160 home child care coordinating offices to manage home child care providers.
Community/Sector Oversight	Regional advisory committees (RAC) <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Gouvernement du Québec. Ministère de la Famille. Handicapped Children. Retrieved from: <https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/famille/publications-adm/publications-complementaires/organigramme-MF.pdf>

<sup>b,c</sup> Gouvernement du Québec. Ministère de la Famille. Statutes and Regulations. Retrieved from: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/government/ministere/ministere-de-la-famille/statutes-and-regulations>

<sup>c</sup> Pursuant to the Educational Childcare Act, the minister consults the regional advisory committees (RAC) to assess needs and identify priorities. The assent of Act 9 in 2022 made legislative changes to the former consultative committees on the provision of educational child care.