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## **CANADIAN CHILD CARE FEDERATION APPLAUDS THE LAWSON FOUNDATION'S NEWLY LAUNCHED OUTDOOR PLAY STRATEGY -- AND IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THEM AND OKANAGAN COLLEGE**

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OTTAWA — The Canadian Child Care Federation is proud to be a partner with Okanagan College and lead researchers, Drs' Beverlie Dietze and Diane Kashin along with Lethbridge College in ensuring that Canada's early learning and child care sector will have access to online training and learning on the very important issue of risky/outdoor play for children. Lead by Drs' Deitze and Kashin, the Okanagan College project to create online learning and training was one of 14 projects announced today as a part of the Lawson Foundations Outdoor Play Strategy.

The Outdoor Play Strategy aims to increase children's opportunities for self-directed play outdoors in all settings - at home, in school, in child care, the community and nature. The \$2.7 million dollar funding Strategy seeks to help us better understand how to support Canadian communities to foster outdoor play

Don Giesbrecht and the child care sector across Canada thanks the Lawson Foundation for their support and leadership in supporting this and the 14 other projects through their outdoor play strategy. The renewing of project funding for \$2.7 million for research and practice for early childhood in Canada is most welcome and will benefit Canadian children and families across Canada.

**Read about the Lawson Foundations [Outdoor Play Strategy](#)**

**Read the Lawson Foundations [Full List of Projects](#) for the Outdoor Play Strategy**

*The Lawson Foundation is a national family foundation that invests in and engages with ideas, people and organizations that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth and their development as active and engaged members of society We invest in three interconnected Impact Areas that we believe have a lasting positive effect on their development: Early Child Development; Healthy Active Living; Children, Youth and the Environment*

*The Canadian Child Care Federation is committed to best practice in early childhood education. Our organization is about the value of children. We value children. In order to protect and enhance our children, to promote their safety and their healthy growth and development, we are committed to providing Canadians with the very best in early*



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*learning and child care knowledge and best practices. Our tools are research and knowledge dissemination, the creation and nurturing of active networks.*

*Working in partnership with our affiliates, we are committed to:*

- *The importance of quality early learning and child care as an essential Canadian value and a right worth protecting and enhancing;*
- *The importance of quality delivery of early learning and child care as crucial elements in the healthy development of our children;*
- *The importance of competent, well-trained professionals who deliver quality early learning and child care with passion and pride*

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