

# Connecting Canada

Impacting Early Learning and Care Environments Through Sustainable Leadership Development



**GRIT's Vision:** Communities embrace diversity and uphold the rights of all children and their families.

As a trusted leader, we use research to guide our professional knowledge and practices to ensure communities have the resources and information needed to achieve the best outcomes for all children.

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Out of **38** Countries, Canada ranked **31** in children's **mental health and well-being** according to the UNICEF Report Card 16 in 2020 <sup>1</sup>



## Why Connecting Canada?

Progress has been made in promoting evidence-based practices that promote healthy social and emotional development.<sup>2</sup> However, a **research-to-practice** gap remains, which can only be reduced through adopting **best practices** and applying **implementation supports**.



**Connecting Canada** aims to address this gap through sustainable **leadership development**

## The **Connecting Canada Team** will:



Partner with organizations in twelve provinces and territories



Provide professional learning and resources through a virtual platform



Work collaboratively with organizations to adapt resources as needed for the local conditions



Provide walk-along support to organizations as they coach educators to use these social, emotional, and inclusive practices



### The Pyramid Model

An evidence-based inclusive framework focusing on the social-emotional development of all children



### Practice-Based Coaching



Process for guiding educators' use of evidence-based practices for promoting positive child outcomes

## Is my organization ready to get involved?

- ✔ Works with early learning programs to support all families access to high quality inclusive childcare that is responsive to their unique circumstances.
- ✔ Willingness to adopt Pyramid Model and Practice-Based Coaching as an evidence-based framework
- ✔ Ability to work with us to adapt to local conditions
- ✔ Willing to make a long-term commitment to implement practices and support organizational change



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