

CHAPTER X EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE ¹

DEFINITIONS

“Pre-school Child” means an individual who resides in the Settlement Area and is not older than six years at the beginning of the school year and is not a Student

X.1 JURISDICTION

X.1.1 The Dehcho Government has Jurisdiction in the Settlement Area with respect to:

- (a) early childhood education and childcare of Pre-school Children who are not Students;
- (b) licensing and regulation of facilities providing early childhood education and childcare; and
- (c) certification of early childhood educators and childcare providers.

X.2 STANDARDS^{2 3}

X.2.1 Dehcho Government Laws made pursuant to X.1.1 shall provide for standards compatible with NWT early childhood education core principles and objectives.

X.3 CONFLICT OF LAWS

X.3.1 In the event of a conflict between a Dehcho Government Law made pursuant to this chapter and a Federal Law or NWT Law, the Dehcho Government Law prevails to the extent of the conflict.

X.3.2 Notwithstanding X.3.1, in the event of a conflict between a Dehcho Government Law made pursuant to X.1.1 (c) and a NWT Law in relation to certification of early childhood educators and childcare providers, the NWT Law prevails to the extent of the conflict. ⁴

¹ This chapter is based on the premise that the DFN Government is a public government.

² For greater certainty, any facility used to deliver early childhood programs and services would be required to comply with National Building Code and other health and safety standards. The standards referred to here, refer to the actual delivery of early childhood programs and services.

³ DFM want Building Codes, health and safety standards to apply only within community's boundaries and not to any on-the-land programs.

⁴ DFN do not agree that NWT Law prevails.

Relevant Definitions:

Dehcho Government; GNWT; Canada; Jurisdiction; Student; Consultation; Dehcho Government Law; Federal Law; NWT Law