

Community Plan for a Public System of Early Care & Learning

What would it mean to your family if quality child care was available for \$10 a day?

What about free child care for families who earn less than \$40,000 a year?

What if Early Childhood Educators earned an average of \$25 an hour?

Child care services make it possible for parents to participate in the paid workforce while their children grow and thrive. But for many parents child care is still unaffordable and unavailable. Fees are too high and spaces are too few.

The Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC have developed a *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning* to positively effect change for children, families, caregivers and communities across the province.

The Plan builds on research that demonstrates public spending on the early years is a wise social and economic investment and that quality child care IS early learning.

This “made-in BC” Plan incorporates the best of child care & the best of public education. It addresses the urgent need to provide children and families with quality, affordable early care and learning services – a key missing piece of BC’s family policy.

Highlights of the Plan include:

- \$10 a day child care, \$7 for part-time, free child care for families earning less than \$40,000 a year;
- New legislation—a BC Early Care and Learning Act;
- A new home for child care in the Ministry of Education;
- A new role for Boards of Education;
- The development of Early Years Centre Networks;
- Enhancing Kindergarten and grade one;
- Strengthening school age care and family child care; and
- Developing the Early Childhood Educators’ workforce.

We invite you to join the growing enthusiasm for the Plan spreading across the province. Visit <http://www.cccabc.bc.ca/plan/> for more information and to endorse the Plan.