

YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILD CARE — IN YOUR COMMUNITY —



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AFFORDABLE

**“We work to pay
for child care.”**



**Child care fees
are the second
highest family
expense, after
housing.**

**STABLE &
SUPPORTIVE**

**“We want our child
to be happy and
healthy.”**



**Quality child care
helps all children
thrive. Quality
child care is stable
and supportive,
provided by well-
educated, fairly-paid
caregivers.**

**OPEN &
ACCESSIBLE**

“Finding good child care shouldn’t be a matter of luck.”



Wait lists are too long, with regulated spaces for less than 20% of children. Too often, families are forced into unregulated care, with no safety standards. More regulated spaces — in centres, schools, and family homes — will let parents choose what’s best for their children.

“We have fewer options in our small town. There’s no “choice” without options.”



Access to quality child care helps young families stay, work, and participate in rural and remote communities. But operating child care can be more costly and difficult in these communities, making it even harder for families to find and afford.

**NON-
STANDARD
HOURS**

“My wife and I off-shift. We just pass each other in the night.”



Child care is generally offered between 8 am and 6 pm, Monday to Friday. But more and more people are working outside these hours.

“All children should have access to the care and learning they need.”



With the right resources in place, programs can welcome, nurture, and respect children and families in all their diversities, including Aboriginal children, immigrant and refugee children, and children with different abilities.

Speak up in your community

You are not alone. Lack of access to quality, affordable child care affects the whole community.

- ✔ Tell friends, family, and neighbours about your child care experience. Talk to other parents at child care centres, schools, the park, drop-ins.
- ✔ Share your views at town council, union, or Band meetings. In surveys or polls, raise child care as one of your priorities.
- ✔ Add your voice to support community-based solutions, such as the \$10aDay Child Care Plan for B.C. at [10aDay.ca](https://10aday.ca).

Get involved

- ✔ Join a local committee, such as an Early Years Planning Table or a school advisory committee.
- ✔ Share child care news and support campaigns on social media.
- ✔ Post and tweet to elected officials. Politicians and political parties are active and listening. **Your voice matters.**

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Find out more about getting involved:

Download the full child care action
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In the middle of a child care crisis?

Visit findingqualitychildcare.ca and ccrr.bc.ca
for child care resources, referrals, and support.

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