

You must be kidding: Confronting key myths about Quebec's childcare system ^[1]

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Introduction

Eighteen months into the federal government's mandate, with several provincial elections approaching, child care is once again a topic of debate. And, inevitably, Quebec's system of providing and paying for child care (European-inspired and unique in North America) comes up in the discussion. While Quebec's program is by no means perfect, it is easily the most advanced in the country. Unfortunately, it is also the target of misinformation about how the program is paid for, what it contributes, who it serves, and how children and their families benefit. This post is based on University of Quebec at Montreal economist Pierre Fortin's detailed refutation of a number of these myths about Quebec's childcare system.

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