

New initiatives target more staff and the creation of child care spaces ^[1]

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The Alberta government is investing close to \$16 million towards creating more child care spaces, attracting and retaining qualified staff and making child care more affordable for low and middle-income parents who want to work or go to school. This additional funding boost brings total child care funding to \$134 million this year. The Alberta government will invest: - \$5.6 million to improve subsidies for parents and to help child care programs cover the cost of processing subsidies. This includes a 5.6 per cent increase in child care subsidy for eligible families across the province. This funding will also support the new subsidy transaction fee, paid directly to operators. - \$2 million towards a new Space Creation Innovation Fund that will help cover the start-up costs of creating more child care spaces across the province. - \$400,000 to establish a staff attraction incentive to encourage people to re-enter the child care workforce and to create a marketing campaign that will promote child care as a profession of choice.

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