

# Why is high-quality child care essential? The link between quality child care and early learning <sup>[1]</sup>

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Child care is essential for parents who work. Child care makes it possible for women to pursue jobs and education&mdash;boosting the Canadian economy while ensuring greater economic security for their families. But even parents who can provide full-time care themselves occasionally need help or believe it is good for their children to play and learn with other children: these parents, too, can find themselves searching for child care.

However, parents should not settle for just any child care.

Research shows that the quality of the child care is key, that quality is the most powerful promoter of positive child development, early learning and school readiness. Further, quality child care can also serve as a family support program, providing parents with valuable and up-to-date information on child health, development and nutrition, and how they can help prepare their children for school. It can help families, particularly those at risk, to create a more supportive and caring home environment.

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