

Kelowna at forefront of child care cost crisis ^[1]

New study advocates higher daycare cost subsidies; more funding focus on non-profit child care services

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