

# B.C. adds 13 child care facilities on Vancouver Island to \$10 a day program <sup>[1]</sup>

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The province says it is welcoming 13 additional child care sites on Vancouver Island into its \$10 a day child care program.

The new sites represent 757 child care spaces, with most located in Courtenay, Campbell River and Greater Victoria, according to the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

It means families at the selected sites will pay a maximum of \$200 per month for full-time enrolment.

“These affordable \$10 a Day child care spaces will make an incredible difference in the lives of families in Victoria,” said Grace Lore, MLA for Victoria-Beacon Hill. “When parents in Victoria can afford child care, they can focus on pursuing career or educational opportunities and the entire community and its economy benefit.”

The government says since the \$10 a day program began in 2018, it has more than doubled the number of spaces available to 6,500, and hopes to double again to 12,500 by December 2022.

On Vancouver Island, a total of 1,279 \$10 a day spaces at 21 child care sites have been made available since 2018.

A full list of the new sites added to the program is below:

### Campbell River

Christian Life Children’s Centre: 87 spaces (12 infant-toddler, 60 three years old to kindergarten age, 115 school age)

Cari’s Infant and Toddler Centre: 20 infant-toddler spaces

Forest Circle Child Care: 40 spaces (16 infant-toddler, 24 three years old to kindergarten age)

### Courtenay

Little Friends Early Learning Centre: 19 spaces three years old to kindergarten age

Teddies ‘N’ Toddlers Childcare Centre: 24 infant-toddler spaces

### Pender Island

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre: 16 spaces (eight school age, eight multi-age)

### Saanichton

T.E.A.M. II Child Care Centre: 48 spaces (12 infant-toddler, 18 three years old to kindergarten age, 18 preschool)

### Port Alberni

Stepping Stones Childcare – Alberni: 60 spaces (16 three years old to kindergarten age, 20 preschool, 24 school age)

Stepping Stones Too: 32 spaces (eight infant-toddler, 24 multi-age)

### Victoria

Fairfield Place: 102 spaces (eight infant-toddler, 16 three years old to kindergarten age, 18 preschool, 60 school age)

Arbutus Grove Children’s Centre: 132 spaces (62 three years old to kindergarten age, 70 school age)

Parkdale Early Childhood Centre: 40 spaces (33 three years old to kindergarten age, seven preschool)

Mary’s Place Childcare Centre: 37 spaces (12 infant-toddler, 25 three years old to kindergarten age)

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