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Today, Child Care Now Nova Scotia responded to the Government of Nova Scotia's call for feedback and ideas in advance of the next provincial budget, calling on them to increase investments in early learning and child care to ensure the successful rollout of the Canadawide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) plan in Nova Scotia—a historic, unprecedented policy incentive, and federal investment to build a strong early learning and child care system across the province.

As part of this plan, Nova Scotia signed onto a bilateral funding agreement with the federal government, earmarking provincial funds to contribute to this transformative system-building. As child care is provincial jurisdiction, Nova Scotia is responsible for ensuring these funds are put to good use—and that these funds are substantial enough to ensure the successful rollout of the CWELCC.

Child Care Now Nova Scotia is calling on the provincial government to increase its investments in three key areas, that are critical to building a strong child care system in the Nova Scotia:

1. Expanding Access to Child Care

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2. Investing in Early Childhood Educators' Wages and Training

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3. Building a Central Agency to Oversee Nova Scotia's Child Care System

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