

Budget 2024: What's happening for \$10aDay child care in B.C.? ^[1]

Thank goodness for federal \$10aDay child care investments!

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The increasing federal dollars of approx. \$250 million in Budget 2024 are sustaining progress made to date, with relatively minor growth forecast over the next two years.

Meanwhile 75% of children in B.C. still don't have access to a licensed child care program. Of the child care spaces we do have in BC only 14,000 or 10% of them are \$10aDay sites – and they are “life-changing” for families.

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B.C. has the highest population growth since 1994 with 5.52 million people as of July 2023 - up 3% from 2022. But people who arrive with young children or hope to start families will have very little luck accessing child care.

With a provincial election in eight months and voters now expecting \$10aDay child care we continue to call for government to deliver on its commitments and accelerate progress toward a \$10aDay child care system which includes certified early childhood professionals.

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