

# Trudeau announces \$200M in child-care funding during southwest Ontario visit <sup>[1]</sup>

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Monday announced more than \$201 million in funding to help Ontario families access child care.

Speaking at the Stationview YMCA Childcare Centre in St. Thomas in southwestern Ontario, Trudeau, along with other federal ministers and MPs, said the funding will go to the province to build more child-care spaces.

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The funding is part of the Early Learning and Child Care Infrastructure Fund announced in June 2023. The hope is that the funding will help the province reach its goal of creating 86,000 new child-care spaces by 2026, with an average cost of \$10 a day.

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Sudds added that the federal government has done its part and is waiting on the province to “step up and do their part as well.” According to Sudds, around 23,000 child-care spaces have been announced by the province.

Trudeau also highlighted measures included in the new federal budget to build more child-care spaces, like the \$1-billion Child Care Expansion Loan Program and student loan forgiveness for rural and remote early childhood educators.

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