

National child-care plan has cut costs, created tens of thousands of new spaces, report says ^[1]

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The Childcare Resource and Research Unit released a report this week that assesses the federal Early Learning and Child Care program as of 2023. Ottawa launched the \$27-billion program in 2021 with a goal of bringing day care costs to \$10 per day.

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Martha Friendly, executive director of the research unit, said the full impact of this funding has not yet been felt. She said while the federal daycare program has cut fees dramatically in most provinces and created additional spaces, she was critical of the expansion of for-profit child care.

“There has been expansion and we need more expansion that is equitably distributed,” Ms. Friendly said.

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