Families learn true cost of Tory cash handouts [CA]

Letter to the Editor re: Affordable child care benefits us all

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The excerpt you published from Roy Romanow's essay on child care could not be more timely for a small group of Oakville families who recently learned of the closure of their children's daycare centre & emdash; a small, non-profit organization & emdash; at the end of this month.

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As their parents scramble to make new arrangements, I wonder how many of them will be applauding the Harper Conservatives for the paltry \$100 a month (before taxes) that their child-care plan provides them. Let this be a cautionary tale to all who think that a small amount of cash can actually be considered an effective early childhood education policy &emdash; a government handout to parents is of no help if there are no child-care spaces available.

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