

Groups speak out on child care, pay equity [CA-NL] ^[1]

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International Women's Day had the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) calling on the Harper government to honour the child-care agreements with the provinces.

"Working women need and deserve safe, affordable, accessible and high-quality child care for our children, said Lana Payne, NLFL's first vice-president.

Payne said more than 70 per cent of women with children under age six work for pay outside the home, yet many cannot access high-quality regulated child care. She believes the situation would improve if the child-care agreements signed last year between the federal government and the provinces were honoured.

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Meanwhile, St. John's District Labour Council president Sam Kelly made another call to Premier Danny Williams to take action on an outstanding retroactive pay equity agreement between government and health-care workers.

"Government should use this day to demonstrate its commitment to the women of Newfoundland and Labrador, Kelly said. "I challenge Premier Williams to give the women of our province their bread and roses.

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