

Tories to create 125,000 child-care spaces: Harper [CA] ^[1]

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Conservative Leader Stephen Harper said on Friday his party's child-care plan would create 125,000 spaces over the next five years.

Harper was in Bolton, Ont., to present details of the child-care plan he announced more than a month ago, earlier in the campaign.

A Tory government would offer tax credits to employers, both business and non-profit organizations, who create child-care spaces.

"The money would go directly to assist those who make the capital investment to build new child-care spaces," Harper said. "The money will not be funnelled through politicians; it will not create a huge new bureaucracy."

The program, he said, would cost \$250 million a year and create 25,000 new spaces a year.

The other part of the Conservative child-care plan is a \$1,200 annual allowance for parents of young children. Parents will receive the money for each child under the age of six.

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