

Child care workers join Union of Public Sector Employees [CA-PE]^[1]

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About 200 daycare workers have joined the P.E.I. Union of Public Sector Employees in hopes of getting better wages.

People working in the field of early childhood education often have a college or university education but still make less than \$9 an hour.

There are about 400 child care workers on the Island.

The federal government promised \$5 billion for a national child care program to be distributed over the next 5 years. Workers are hoping some of this money can be used to increase wages.

"Really it started from a meeting with early childhood educators," says UPSE president Sandy MacKay. "They could see and employers could see that we're losing good staff because we can't afford to pay them."

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