

For-profit child care is the wrong model ^[1]

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We understand that the University of Victoria is facing a child-care crisis -- this is a crisis throughout our region.

The Regional Child Care Council has been monitoring and reporting on the child-care situation in Victoria for 10 years. From our research, we believe an affordable, accessible and high-quality system of child care would benefit our community economically and socially.

We are concerned that Kids and Company, a corporate child-care company, might be invited to solve the problems of the university and urge it to consider alternative solutions.

Academic research and experience in other countries has shown that corporate child care does not provide good care for children.

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The university is educating people to work with young children, families and the community. It can set an example of high standards that reflect the understanding that resides within its community.

The university can be a leader in supporting the development of affordable, accessible child care of a high quality.

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