

Child care now! Rally to celebrate Mother's Day on Parliament Hill^[1]

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On Saturday, May 8, moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, sisters, brothers and others who care about children will rally on the steps of Parliament Hill to urge the federal government to provide mothers with the gift of access to high quality, universal child care programs for Mother's Day.

The event is being organized by Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights. Participants will sing the praises of quality child care programs and lament the lack of government action to the tune of well-known nursery rhymes and children's songs. Carnations will be handed out to women at the event to celebrate mothering in all its forms. Participants will be invited to sign a giant Mother's day card, and guest speakers will talk about why Canada needs a pan-Canadian child care system.

"All children in Canada deserve access to quality child care programs, not just the lucky few," Said Susan Russell of the Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights.

"The state of child care in Canada today is unacceptable. We are tired of finishing last on the international stage, with the lowest public funding and the lowest rate of access in the industrialized world. Most developed countries publicly fund their child care programs. We know that it can be done: all it takes is political leadership."

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