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What's the reality behind ...federal spending on early learning and child care?

Fact & Federal spending for regulated child care is only \$600 million each year.

Federal transfer funds to provinces for early learning and child care total \$600 million this year (down from \$950 million in 2006).

Additionally, tax breaks for parents for receipted child care expenses total \$695 million.

Fiction - The Harper government claims it is spending \$5.8 billion yearly on early learning and child care.

In reality, this figure is inflated by including the so-called Universal Child Care

Benefit (UCCB) as well as the National Child Benefit. Neither of these payments to parents has anything to do with child care services.

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