

# Canadian Labour Congress child care resolution and petition <sup>[1]</sup>

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## AVAILABILITY

The following resolution by the Economic and Social Policy Committee has been passed unanimously by delegates at the Canadian Labour Congress convention. Delegates to the CLC convention are also distributing a petition calling for the federal government to legislate the right to universal access to child care.

**Resolution (see pg. 3)** <sup>[2]</sup>

**Petition** <sup>[3]</sup>

Text of the resolution:

The Committee recommends concurrence in the following composite resolution:

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) will engage in a well-funded, sustained campaign for federal government funding and a legislative framework for a pan-Canadian early childhood education and care system that:

- a) provides children from birth to 12 years with optimal environments in which to grow and thrive;
- b) provides those who care for our children the wages, working conditions, and respect that reflect the value of the work they do; and
- c) is non-profit, public, high quality, accessible, inclusive, and affordable, with adequate compensation to Quebec;

The CLC will make child care a priority in federal elections;

The CLC will work with provincial/territorial federations, affiliates, Labour Councils, and coalitions to organize a National Day of Action, and to build provincial action plans that commit to public child care;

The CLC will campaign against privatization and public funding to private, for-profit child care companies;

Because child care is a human right according to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

Because studies show investing in quality, early childhood education and care, as in Quebec and countries with national child care programs, stimulates the economy and creates jobs;

Because access to quality, affordable early childhood education and care is vital to the full and equal participation of women in our economy;

Because quality, early childhood education and care lays a foundation of success for our children's lives;

Because there are not enough quality, affordable child care spaces to meet the needs of working families;

Because labour opposes the exploitation of child care for profit, and the impact of for-profit child care companies includes higher fees for parents, rising public subsidies, lower wages for child care workers, questionable quality, and a switch to more for-profit child care at the expense of community-based centres.

**Region:** Canada <sup>[4]</sup>

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