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Liberal Leader Kevin Aylward campaigned in St. John's for the first time since the Newfoundland and Labrador election started to highlight his party's plan for child care.

Speaking at Mes Amis Childcare Center Monday, Aylward noted that there are 60,000 children under twelve in the province, but fewer than 7,000 child care spaces.

"Clearly there is a shortage of child care spaces in the province," said Aylward in a statement after the event.

"Our plan will increase these spaces by investing in early childhood educators."

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The Liberal plan for child care includes increasing the early childhood education supplement from a maximum of \$6,660 per year to \$8,000 per year and creating new infant care spaces by providing a monthly supplement to licensed child care centres.

The plan also includes the promise to invest in recruiting and retaining early childhood educators.

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