

Child care still a patchwork of underfunded programs ^[1]

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The Ontario government today accounted for how it is spending \$142.5 million in previously announced child care funds. The allocations mean that existing child care programs will have the funding to keep current spaces open for Ontario children and families, but does not expand the child care system.

Mary Ann Chambers, Ontario's Minister for Children and Youth, explained how the provincial government is allocating child care funding announced in its spring budget, as well as Ontario's share - \$97 million &em; of funding announced by the federal government. The \$142.5 million accounted for this morning includes funding to sustain licensed child care spaces and subsidies, enhance the wages and training of some child care professionals, and establish a College of Early Childhood Educators, a regulatory body for the profession.

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