

# Take action on child care <sup>[1]</sup>

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### Description:

It is time to stand together to make access to high quality, affordable child care a reality for families and children across Canada. Without action, the crisis in child care will continue with only one space of quality child care available for every five children in Canada who need one.

It doesn't have to be this way. In 2007, Stephen Harper abandoned Canadian families when his government tore up agreements with provincial governments to make a quality, national, child care system happen.

What did families get instead? A \$100 Universal Child Care Benefit, in the face of annual child care fees that for many parents are higher than the cost of university tuition. Meanwhile, the \$2.8 billion frittered away annually through this benefit would go far to pay for a nationally integrated, affordable, child care system. It makes sense for parents, and also for the economy. Studies show that public investment in child care pays for itself through job creation, and better health and education for children.

It is Time to Take Action on Childcare. As Canada's leading voice for working families, UFCW Canada and allies have developed a national campaign to make child care services a priority for government. Add your voice by sending a letter; by working with your friends to build a grassroots movement; and by working with others to elect a family-friendly federal government in 2015 that is committed to a national day care program.

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