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EXCERPTS:

- \$11,100: Average annual cost of child care for a toddler in Ontario in 2012. Compare that to the \$7,180 average cost of university tuition fees in Ontario in 2012/13.
- \$10,884: Average annual cost of child care for a toddler in British Columbia in 2012. That's double the \$5,015 average cost of university tuition fees in B.C. in 2012/13.
- \$1,824: The annual child care bill for all parents in Quebec in 2012, thanks to that province's \$7 a day flat rate child care program. Tuition Quebec is also more affordable: it was \$2,774 in 2012/13 for average undergraduate tuition.
- \$100: Amount of the federal government's monthly payment to families with children under the age of six instead of investing in a universally affordable Canadian child care plan.
- 70,000: Number of newly employed Quebec moms in 2008, thanks to that province's child care program. Research shows that for every dollar Quebec invests in affordable child care, it brings back \$1.05 into the economy.

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