

# From patchwork to framework: A child care strategy for Canada

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The CCAAC advocates for a child care system that meets the needs of children age 0-12 years. In this document, we outline a federal strategy to provide services for children 0-6 years - before entry to formal school. We are committed to developing a comprehensive policy strategy for school age child care in the near future.

From patchwork to framework: A child care strategy for Canada is constructed around three main recommendations:

1. Enact legislation with supporting agreements outlining service entitlement, standards, quality enhancements, and accountability and leadership responsibilities;
2. Establish a schedule for federal funding to reach 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2020 outlining goals and timelines for funding and service provision in 5-year increments over a 15-year period;
3. Support parents to balance work and family responsibilities by enhancing maternity/parental benefits and family responsibility leaves.

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