Community and expert responses

In light of recent announcements related to the status of child care in Candian provinces and internationally, there have been a number of community responses to provincial action(s). Below, you will find statements, campaigns, and letters from community and sector stakeholders to government officials as a call to action and in response to their announcements. This section will be updated as more information becomes available.

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Expanded provincial daycare strategy needs to be part of pandemic recovery program, Regional councillor says [4]
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A strategy for recovery: Making affordable child care for ALL a reality [21]
Child Care Now, June 2020

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Canada needs a childcare system for recovery and beyond [24]
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Needed now: A feminist recovery plan [26]
Katherine Scott, Behind The Numbers, 11 June 2020

Stephen Lecce's letter to parents doubles down on the Ford government's half-baked child care plan [27]
The Star, 15 June 2020

Daycares reopening [28]
CBC Listen, 10 June 2020

Child care centres set to reopen this Friday - but are they ready? [29]
The Morning Show - Omny.fm, 10 June 2020

Video: Childcare resumption plan 'inadequate:' coalition [4:41] [30]
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Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, 7 May 2020

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The Hamilton Spectator, 1 May 2020

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The Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta, April 2020

The men pushing to re-open the economy clearly don't need child care [43]
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