#### **Alberta**

# Canada-Alberta Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

The Canada-Alberta Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement was signed on November 14, 2021.

The agreement [1] and action plan [2] are available online.

#### Federal press release

\$10-a-day child care for families in Alberta [3]
Office of the Prime Minister, 15 November 2021

## Provincial press release

Federal-provincial child care agreement [4] Government of Alberta, 15 November 2021

#### Updates and next steps

\$50M now available to create child-care spaces [5] Government of Alberta, 7 July 2022

### Community responses

Child Care advocates welcome Canada-Alberta child care agreement and call on Ontario and New Brunswick governments to join effort to build Canada-wide system of early learning and child care [6]

Child Care Now, 15 November 2021

Child Care Now Alberta celebrates the Canada-Alberta child care agreement and looks forward to learning the details needed for implementation [7]

Child Care Now - Alberta, 15 November 2021

#### Media coverage

Note: Media coverage is listed from most recent to oldest.

Albertans struggle to find part-time daycare despite affordable childcare grant [8] CityNews, 27 May 2022

Calgary daycare fees for preschoolers likely most expensive in Canada for 2022, report says [9] CBC News, 10 May 2022

Calgary and Edmonton will miss federal child care fee reduction targets: think tank  $_{[10]}$  Edmonton Journal, 10 May 2022

Alberta government rejects report projecting it won't hit federal child care fee targets [11] Calgary Sun, 10 May 2022

"Tin-pot childcare" lives on? [12]

Alberta Views, 1 April 2022

NDP warns Alberta won't hit 10-per-day child care target without extra 200M from UCP [13] Edmonton Journal, 28 February 2022

Alberta subsidies slashed ahead of affordable child-care program [14]

Global News, 3 December 2021

Ottawa, Alberta reach deal for 'affordable, quality child care,' province says [15]

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CBC News. 15 November 2021

Trudeau, Kenney ink child-care deal for Alberta [16]

CTV News, 15 November 2021

Parents, critics question slow-moving child care deal between UCP and Ottawa [17]

CTV News, 4 November 2021

Calgary's new mayor wants a child care deal with feds if Alberta doesn't strike one [18]

Power and Politics, 19 October 2021

Local child care centre advocating for federal subsidy [19]

High River Online, 17 October 2021

Alberta minister blames feds for not striking child-care deal before federal election call [20]

CBC News, 15 August 2021

What the feds' child care program would mean for Alberta [21]

The Sprawl, 13 August 2021

Opinion: Alberta leaves mothers with case of childcare FOMO [22]

Edmonton Journal, 11 August 2021

Alberta pushes for child care funding, Ottawa says it still needs province's action plan [23]

CTV News, 6 August 2021

Alberta premier demands federal child-care deal with no strings attached [24]

CBC News, 6 August 2021

Local childcare providers, Alberta NDP call for greater sustained funding [25]

My Grande Prairie Now, 25 July 2021

Chrystia Freeland speaks with Edmonton moms about universal child-care program [26]

CTV News, 21 July 2021

Calgary councillor proposing city solutions for affordable child care [27]

Global News, 20 July 2021

Alberta parents could save thousands under federal \$10-a-day child-care plan, new data shows [28]

CBC News, 20 July 2021

'It would be life-changing': Advocates push for Alberta to sign on to \$10/day federal child care program [29]

CTV News, 14 July 2021

Alberta negotiating child-care funding as Nova Scotia becomes second province to strike deal with Ottawa [30]

Edmonton Journal, 13 July 2021

Opinion: Federal child-care plan an opportunity that Alberta can't miss [31]

Edmonton Journal, 10 July 2021

Conversations continue over whether Alberta will sign on to federal child-care program [32]

Global News, 9 July 2021

#### Advocacy and policy tools

Roadmap to a quality early learning and child care system in Alberta[33]

 $Canadian\,Child\,Care\,Federation, Child\,Care\,Now, The\,Muttart\,Foundation\,\&\,YMCA\,of\,Northern\,Alberta, 29\,November\,2021$ 

The Alberta's Roadmap identifies and explores four key elements to building a robust and responsive child care system: ideas and vision; public policy, planning, and management; financing and; workforce development and support. The roadmap highlights that transition away from a child care market towards a more publicly funded, planned and managed early learning and child care system in Alberta will require new public policy, new models of service governance, planning and management and new financing models.

Measuring affordability of child care [34]

Research Roundtable on Care Work in the Recovery Economy - Centre for Gender and the Economy, University of Toronto, 2 February 2022

This analysis examines Alberta's recent child care funding changes, both effects on affordability and in comparison to the \$10/a day fee which is the cross-Canada goal. Using Calgary data, it shows that under Alberta's new funding scheme, for a low income family with two children, parent fees now consume almost 50% of net family income. Families at all incomes pay more under the Alberta scheme than under a \$10/day fee. But it is for low income families that the difference between the two options is greatest; with a flat \$10/day fee, child care would consume 20% of net family income rather than close to 50%.

Child Care Now, 2 December 2021, 7:00-8:000 pm MST

Child Care Now Alberta will be hosting a webinar to discuss what the recently signed early learning and child care agreement means for Albertans. The webinar features national child care policy expert and Child Care Now's Executive Director, Morna Ballantyne, as well as Child Care Now Alberta's Chair, Susan Cake and panelists from Alberta's child care sector.

Tell Premier Jason Kenney and Minister Rebecca Schulz to sign the agreement  $\tiny{[36]}$  Child Care Now - Alberta, 29 September 2021

### Other Early Learning and Child Care Agreements

Canada – Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Agreement - 2017-2020 [37]

Canada – Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Agreement - 2020-2021  $\tiny{[38]}$  Mon, 08/22/2022

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