

# Newfoundland and Labrador

**Election Results:** Kathy Dunderdale of the Progressive Conservative Party has been elected as Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Conservatives have won a majority government.

**Nomination Deadline: Oct 1, 2011**

**Territorial Election: Oct 11, 2011**

Currently, the premier of Newfoundland and Labrador is Kathy Dunderdale of the Progressive Conservative party.

Kindergarten is offered part-day to all five year olds, but is not compulsory, and is under the Department of Education. Child care centres are mostly for-profit and are under the Ministry of Child, Youth and Family Services.

## Party platforms

### Progressive Conservative Party

Leader: Kathy Dunderdale

Party Platform: [2011 Policy Blue Book](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

"Child Care Pilot Project...this initiative includes supports for home-based child care business providers offering regulated child care for children of a mixture of ages, with a maximum of six children per home; start-up grants for operators; and, annual infant stimulus grants for offering regulated infant care to children 24 months of age and younger, with a maximum of three children per home."

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### Liberal Party

Leader: Kevin Aylward

Party Platform: People's Platform

"...will establish a task force... to develop a strategic action plan for the implementation of full-day kindergarten."

"We will... increase the Early Childhood Education Supplement (ELCC) from a maximum of \$6,660/year to \$8,000/year; ... invest in recruiting and retaining early childhood educators; and creating new infant care spaces by providing a monthly supplement to licensed child care centres."

### New Democratic Party

Leader: Lorraine Michael

Platform: ["NDP plan for Newfoundland and Labrador"](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

"A universal, accessible childcare and early development program flows from justice, fairness and equality"

## NGO positions and campaign materials

Candidates Against Poverty Leader Responses ([link no longer available](#))

The Religious Social Action Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador, Oct 2011

Candidates Against Poverty Questionnaire ([link no longer available](#))

The Religious Social Action Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador, Oct 2011

CUPE NL to host three election forums on child care in NL ([link no longer available](#))

CUPE Newfoundland Labrador Division, 22 Sep 2011

Provincial election 2011 ([link no longer available](#))

Cupe Newfoundland Labrador Division, 20 Sep 2011

89% of NL parents support a public child care system ([link no longer available](#))

CUPE Newfoundland Labrador Division, 19 Sep 2011

>> [Full poll results in pdf](#) <sup>[3]</sup>

Letter about the provincial election ([link no longer available](#))

CUPE Newfoundland Labrador Division, 20 Sep 2011

Election Bulletin 2011 ([link no longer available](#))

Newfoundland and Labrador's Teacher Association

# News articles

Grits promise more for child care <sup>[4]</sup>

CBC News, 26 Sep 2011

Child-care system divided, forum told; Publicly funded system would improve accessibility, fairness candidates hear <sup>[5]</sup>

The Western Star, 26 Sep 2011

No longer talking babysitting, Michael says <sup>[6]</sup>

The Telegram, 26 Sep 2011

Newfoundland election promises include moose safety, early education <sup>[7]</sup>

The Globe and Mail, 25 Sep 2011

Save the children! No, like really. <sup>[8]</sup>

The Independent, 20 Sep 2011

NDP: Raise oil taxes, boost social spending <sup>[9]</sup>

CBC News, 20 Sep 2011

Wed, 09/21/2011

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