

# Ontario

The Ontario budget was tabled on **March 27th, 2012**. Prior to the budget, the province held a Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services (the Drummond Commission). The following links provide information on the budget; reactions from child care, education, social policy groups and political parties; as well as information on the Drummond Commission.

## Budget documents

Main budget website <sup>[1]</sup>

Budget highlights <sup>[2]</sup>

News release: "Strong action for Ontario" <sup>[3]</sup>

"The government will continue to build on its plan to have the world's best-educated workforce to ensure future prosperity in the knowledge-based economy by:

- Fully implementing full-day kindergarten by September 2014
- Keeping a cap on class sizes in the early grades"

## Responses

Horwath proposal would put some fairness in an unfair Budget <sup>[4]</sup>

Ontario NDP, 3 Apr 12

"People tell us we need a balanced approach to balancing the budget. If we have to choose between a working mom who needs childcare to keep her job, or someone earning a seven-figure paycheck, let's help that mom."

"New Democrats are proposing... to protect over 4000 childcare spaces so parents can keep working."

Child care already in an "age of austerity" <sup>[5]</sup>

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, 27 Mar 12

"Not only was there no funding to sustain child care programs, there was no mention of child care at all in the 2012 Provincial budget."

Completing the job started by Mike Harris <sup>[6]</sup>

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 27 Mar 12

[The budget] touts its commitment to its initiatives in education. Yet elementary and secondary education will lose over \$500 million in cuts identified in the budget.... Child care gets not a mention in the budget, a clear sign that the government intends to walk away from the chaos it created in the child care sector with its ham-handed implementation of full-day kindergarten.

Stringent budgeting for the poor, staying on course for the rich <sup>[7]</sup>

Ontario Campaign 2000, 27 Mar 12

"The exclusion of child care from this budget is particularly concerning. Affordable, regulated child care is critical to the economic well-being of low income families with children under 4 years old."

Over \$500 million cut from education in provincial budget <sup>[8]</sup>

"Education is very expensive, but it is an investment, not just a cost, says Annie Kidder, Executive Director of People for Education. "Each of these cuts will have an impact on students, on the quality of education, and on school communities as a whole."

Ontario budget delivers billions to bankers but job losses and deep cuts for Ontario families <sup>[9]</sup>

Ontario Federation of Labour, 27 Mar 12

"Lack of funding will cause child care centres to close and force some working mothers out of the labour market."

Ontario needs a recovery budget, not a poverty budget <sup>[10]</sup>

Canadian Union of Public Employees Ontario, 27 Mar 12

"Balancing the books on the back of a child care worker who makes \$28,000 a year or a school secretary who makes \$35,000 a year while corporations are enjoying the benefit of huge tax cuts and refusing to create jobs is an outrage."

Austerity budget punishing Ontarians for a deficit they didn't create <sup>[11]</sup>

Elementary Teachers Federation Ontario, 27 Mar 12

## Media articles

Ontario Budget: Parents decry lack of new child care funding <sup>[12]</sup>

Toronto Star, 27 Mar 12

Full-day kindergarten plan, primary class sizes survive. Teachers are facing two-year wage freeze <sup>[13]</sup>

Ottawa Citizen, 28 Mar 12

## Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services

Report of the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services <sup>[14]</sup>

Don Drummond, Government of Ontario, 15 Feb 12

## Related readings

Families across Ontario worried about closures of licensed child care centres <sup>[15]</sup>

Child Care Matters to Me & Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, 26 Mar 12

NDP Education critic Peter Tabuns' statement on child care crisis <sup>[16]</sup>

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, 20 Mar 12

Efficiency and evidence-based practice in early childhood education and care: CRRU's analysis of the ECEC recommendations in the Drummond report

<sup>[17]</sup>Childcare Resource and Research Unit, 17 Feb 12

Deconstructing Drummond <sup>[18]</sup>

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 22 Feb 12

Ontario budget 2012: Austerity is bad for our health <sup>[19]</sup>

Wellesley Institute, 13 Mar 12

Ontario's fiscal reality: Cup half empty or half full? <sup>[20]</sup>

Hugh Mackenzie, 19 Mar 12

Once the national leader in child care funding Ontario falling farther behind other provinces <sup>[21]</sup>

Canadian Union of Public Employees, 23 Mar 12

## Pre-budget media articles

Ontario budget: Child benefit increase being delayed [22]


Toronto Star, 26 Mar 12

A tale of two deficit budgets [23]

Winnipeg Free press, 19 Mar 12

Ontario budget: Hundreds of daycares will close without new money in the spring budget [24]

Toronto Star, 5 Mar 12

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