

REALITY CHECK

Child Care Now

*It's time
for child care
for all*

\$10 a Day Child Care Plan or Tax Credit?

The Liberals and NDP have promised to implement a Canada-wide system of \$10 a day child care, expand availability and fund fair compensation for early childhood educators. The Greens have also pledged support for universal child care. The 2021 federal budget provides \$30 billion over five years (and a minimum of \$9.2 billion annually after 2025–26) to build a system of child care. Conservatives will cancel the budget allocation and introduce a refundable child care tax credit.

	2021 FEDERAL BUDGET	CONSERVATIVE TAX CREDIT
Parent fees reduced?	Yes. 50% reduction next year; \$10aDay by 2025–26.	NO fee reductions or caps.
Increased availability?	Yes. Funding for 250,000 new licensed spaces.	NO new spaces.
Quality?	Yes. Funding has quality and inclusion requirements.	NO improvement.
Indigenous child care?	Yes. Earmarked funding.	NO commitment.
Early childhood educators?	Yes. Funding for fair wages.	NO funding.
Does it work?	Yes. Publicly funded child care is life-changing for children and families, and game-changing for the economy.	NO — tax credits are not early learning and child care.