



# AECEA CONNECT

## UNDERSTANDING AFFORDABILITY IN ALBERTA'S NEW FEE SYSTEM

The Government of Alberta has released its plan to reduce child care fees in Alberta by an average of 50% by early 2022. Under this plan, every family's out-of-pocket fees will decrease, but lower-income families will not see a 50% decrease—and some may see a decrease of less than 15%. As a result, child care may still be unaffordable for lower-income families under the new system. This talk will explain how the new system works, why it creates uneven decreases for different families across Alberta and will discuss both short-term and long-term options for changing this situation.

### OUR GUEST

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 7:00-8:00 P.M.**

FACILITATORS: Christie Scarlett, Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta  
& Lea Blust, Alberta Early Learning and Care Leader's Caucus

This online session is intended for all early childhood educators from licensed child care centres, preschools, out of school care centres, contracted day home agencies and approved day homes.

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*Quality early learning and child care is a matter of importance for all Albertans, especially during times of crisis. Alberta needs a system that is planned for, receives sustainable funding and is delivered by well-educated, well-compensated early childhood educators who are appropriately supported in their workplaces.*

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