

**A just future  
includes a quality  
child care  
system for  
all**



How did we get to this moment after decades of advocacy?

What are the critical puzzle pieces in an ECEC system that works for all, not just the few?

What do we need to do now?

What's next ?

## What is this moment?



Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

(Winston Churchill)

# Think of child care as a three legged stool...

Affordability

Accessibility

Quality/workforce

All three legs must be solid or it will fall over



# The system-building puzzle

- Public operational funding:
  - Provincially set affordable fees with maximum
    - Wage grid/decent wages, workforce conditions
- Public expansion strategies:
  - Non-profit/public expansion
  - Capital funding
  - Sufficient workforce
- Publicly managed system
- Policy/provision based on evidence
- Data and research
- Democratic engagement



# What do we need to do now?

## Advocacy at all levels

- > System-building is just beginning
- > A shared vision is necessary
- > Knowledge is power
- > Be strategic
- > Think long-term
- > Child care is political
- > Collaboration and solidarity are key



# What's next?



Public/media/political interest in child care

Federal government with political will and commitments

Alberta roadmap sets out vision/solutions

Canada-wide child care movement

Alberta child care advocacy coming together

Groups and people to collaborate with in other provinces

Provincial election coming up

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has” ...

Margaret Mead