

An update from the Ministry of Education and Child Care
Dear Provider,

Further to yesterday's Budget 2026 announcement, I am writing to share an update regarding the \$10 a Day ChildCareBC program.

Child care is a key initiative for government, a critical service for families, and a major economic driver across Canada. More than \$10 billion has been invested in ChildCareBC over the last eight years and spaces have increased to over 171,700. But more is needed to deliver ChildCareBC's core promise: one inclusive, affordable, high-quality child care system that meets the needs of children, families, and providers.

Budget 2026 provides a \$330-million lift over three years to continue supporting ChildCareBC's fee reductions, existing \$10 a Day ChildCareBC spaces, income-tested subsidies, wage enhancements for educators, and operational funding for providers, including culturally relevant, Indigenous-led spaces. This investment is intended to stabilize the services that families and educators depend on as the Province works to modernize its approach to delivering ChildCareBC.

We've heard clearly from child care providers in British Columbia that our current funding models limit their flexibility to support high-quality, inclusive care. And we are

committed to working with parents, providers, and educators to get this right. For that reason, the Province is immediately pausing enrolment of new providers into the Operating Funding Model and the \$10 a Day ChildCareBC program and entering a stabilization period.

For existing \$10-a-Day providers, there is no change to your current funding agreements. During this period, you will continue to interact with the program under existing agreement terms, including all requests, reporting and compliance requirements. No action is required from you, or for the families accessing care at your facilities, at this time.

Our vision hasn't changed, and British Columbia remains committed to building an affordable, high-quality, inclusive system of child care accessible by every child whose family needs or wants it. To deliver on that vision, government will work with the sector and Indigenous partners to ensure equity for families and to strengthen ChildCareBC. And when we're ready, we'll work together to transition to a new model that enables us to deliver equitable, affordable, quality services that parents and educators can depend on.

We recognize you may have questions, and will share additional information as it becomes available through official ChildCareBC channels, including the ChildCareBC

Bulletin. This will include opportunities to participate in engagement sessions to help us shape the future of ChildCareBC.

In the meantime, we are here to support you, so please reach out if we can help you to better understand the impact of these decisions on your child care operations. As always, you can contact the ministry through the 10aDayCentres@gov.bc.ca or [My ChildCareServices BC Portal](#) or by calling 1-888-338-6622 (Option 7).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, inclusive, and affordable child care for families. We look forward to our continued work with you.

Sincerely,

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