



We hope you had a great summer — and, for those managing back-to-school, that the transition is going smoothly.

For many families, of course, the start of a new school year also brings the familiar challenge of finding before- and after-school care. The ongoing shortage of licensed, quality, affordable spaces is incredibly stressful for families.

Back in July, we asked you to participate in the B.C. government's survey on the future of child care. Thanks so much to everyone who responded.

As we shared at the time, we had serious concerns about many of the survey questions, including false choices and what appeared to be a push toward more income-testing of families. No survey results have been published yet but we hope the Province heard a clear message about what B.C. needs, including:

- **Low, capped \$10aDay fees** that all families can count on;
- **A fair provincial wage grid** for educators recognizing qualifications and experience;
- **A planned approach to expansion**, similar to K–12 education, so communities can systematically and equitably create enough quality child care to meet demand.

While the federal government has committed an additional \$630 million to B.C. to deal with cost-pressures in our child care system, Premier Eby hasn't yet announced how they'll invest that new funding.

The gap remains enormous

The Province's most recent [expansion announcement](#) was for 1,200 new before- and after-school spaces over the next year... **but up to 200,000 more spaces are required.**

B.C. needs to get \$10aDay expansion back on track...

Progress toward universal \$10aDay child care in B.C. remains stalled, despite clear evidence that affordable, accessible child care supports families, workforce participation, women's equality and economic growth — and that public investments in child care largely or more than pay for themselves.

Even the B.C. government's own Finance Committee has just recommended the Province "Develop long-term stable operational and capital funding for licensed child care programs to expand capacity on and off school grounds."

It can be done! In Manitoba and Saskatchewan all their child care is \$10/day, in Alberta their government has set fees at \$15/day and in Ontario fees are capped at a maximum of \$22/day. In B.C. families still pay up to \$100/day for a child care space!

A [new report](#) has confirmed that once again B.C. has the highest and most uneven child care fees in the country.

Please help us spread the word

We have a lot planned for the coming months, leading up to the 2027 B.C. Budget, and we'll be using Instagram to help more British Columbians understand what is — and isn't — happening with child care.

For those on Instagram, [please follow \\$10aDay now](#), and share our upcoming posts with your network.

Follow us on Instagram

Every share will help us reach more families, educators, employers and community members — and keep pressure on governments to deliver the universal quality child care system B.C. needs.

As always, thank you for your support and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Sharon and the \$10aDay team

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