



Hi Friend --

Good news! Thanks to all our collective efforts the three major parties have now put forward election commitments for child care in British Columbia.

Of course, it's important to know the details behind election promises and so we are providing an analysis of each party's platform (in alphabetical order) for your consideration.

Conservative Party of BC

Their platform highlights expanding \$10aDay child care within existing funding with “independent” operators across the province, and creating some 24-hour care. With an initial commitment of \$15 million budgeted for an array of programs including child care, they have not allocated sufficient funds to deliver on their child care commitments. They will identify “unnecessary” regulations which we worry could lower quality for children by removing minimal health & safety standards. There is no mention of a wage grid for educators. More people will be eligible to be designated as early childhood education assistants. It is unclear if their proposals align with existing federal funding agreements. **Read their platform and costing [here](#).**

BC Green Party

Their robust platform integrates our recommendations for a quality universal \$10aDay system, specifically including a \$35-\$45/hr wage grid and benefits for early childhood educators. They highlight “new spaces and priority registration going to public, non-profit and Indigenous-led centres, building a system rooted in community care, not private profit”. They commit to implement universal child care coverage by 2031. They have made an initial commitment of \$260 million to deliver on their child care commitments, which are aligned with existing federal funding agreements. **Read their platform and costing [here](#).**

BC NDP

Their platform builds on progress made since 2018 toward a universal child care system. They commit to the addition of 7,200 new school-age spaces on school grounds. They also commit to working with the federal government and child care sector to expand affordable child care with a “hard universal fee cap like Ontario” has, which is \$22/day. They will improve wages and working conditions for early childhood educators, including a provincial wage grid. We see these as positive steps forward from the current system. They have made an initial commitment of \$330 million to deliver on their child care commitments, which are aligned with existing federal funding agreements. **Read their platform and costing [here](#)**

With your help we will ensure that whichever party is elected to form government on October 24th, they will be held accountable to deliver a universal child care system where children have quality care, families have the access they need, fees are capped, educators have a fair wage grid, and programs are sustainable.

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