

Public Services

National Public Child Care – Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>Increased funding for child care, but increase was only about half of what's needed.</p> <p>Provided \$7 billion over 10 years for child care in the 2017 budget, but 70% of the funding won't be available until after 2022/23. And funding per year is significantly less than the \$1.2 billion/year seen as necessary.</p> <p>No attempt made to set national standards; decisions about how child care funding is spent are made by provincial governments.</p>	<p>Its proposals to assist parents rely on tax credits, which provide little benefit to those parents most in need of help with child care.</p> <p>Will introduce a non-refundable tax credit of 15% for any income received from EI parental benefits, with an equivalent credit for parents in Quebec who receive payments from the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan. This measure would provide little assistance for low-income parents or those that don't qualify for EI.</p>	<p>Proposing a national public universal child care program with licensed providers who are paid fair wages.</p> <p>Will provide \$1 billion for child care in 2020, and will increase that funding annually.</p> <p>Will ensure early childhood education and child care are accessible, affordable, and public.</p> <p>Will work with other levels of government, Indigenous communities, families, and child care workers to ensure that care is inclusive and responsive to the needs of all children in Canada.</p>	<p>Will create a high-quality federally funded child care program, accessible to any family that wants to place children into early childhood education.</p> <p>Will restore and revamp the 2005 Liberal agreement reached between the federal government, provinces, and territories to achieve a universal and accessible child care program in Canada.</p> <p>Will create a national Children's Commissioner.</p> <p>Will provide an annual \$1,500 tax credit per child to employers to create workplace child care spaces.</p> <p>Will promote and facilitate access to the Roots of Empathy program (an effective, award-winning program developed by a non-profit educational organization), to all Canadian children at some point in their elementary school year.</p>