



COALITION OF

child care advocates

OF BC



Working together for a community based, non-profit child care system that is high quality, affordable, accessible, publicly funded and accountable.

Together we made a difference at U Vic!!

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On Nov. 24, we learned at a CUPE public meeting in Vancouver that, earlier in the day, the University of Victoria's Board of Governors backed away from a proposal to expand child care at U Vic by contracting with the big box corporation **Kids & Co.**

This makes BC the first province to successfully mount a community campaign to keep big box child care at bay. It shows that when we act together – we can and do make a difference. Thanks to everyone who took the time to send a letter or email. Clearly the University heard the message that big box child care is NOT the way to go.

While stopping big box child care was an essential first step, the need for more quality, affordable child care at U Vic has not gone away. Without viable, collective solutions – the victory at U Vic may be short lived.

So, we hope that the University will now move to:

- Join with the community in advocating for adequate public funds from the province to build and sustain quality child care services.
- Adopt University policy establishing the provision of on-site, quality, non-profit child care as an essential element of university life.

And, most importantly, we encourage the University to work with the stakeholders in their community including the on-site unionized child care providers, parents, faculty, staff and Victoria's larger child care community to develop real, sustainable solutions. We wish them well!