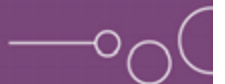
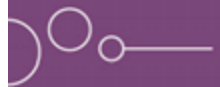


Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC

There ARE Solutions!

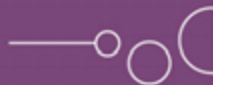
Sunshine Coast Conference

October 18, 2008



Glad to be back...

Another historic moment....

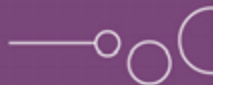
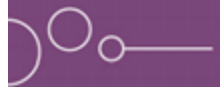


3 year journey

Reframe...

child care problems to child care solutions

child care as a problem to child care as a solution

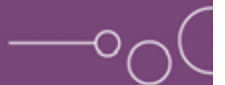


Everyone knows

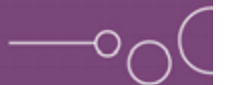
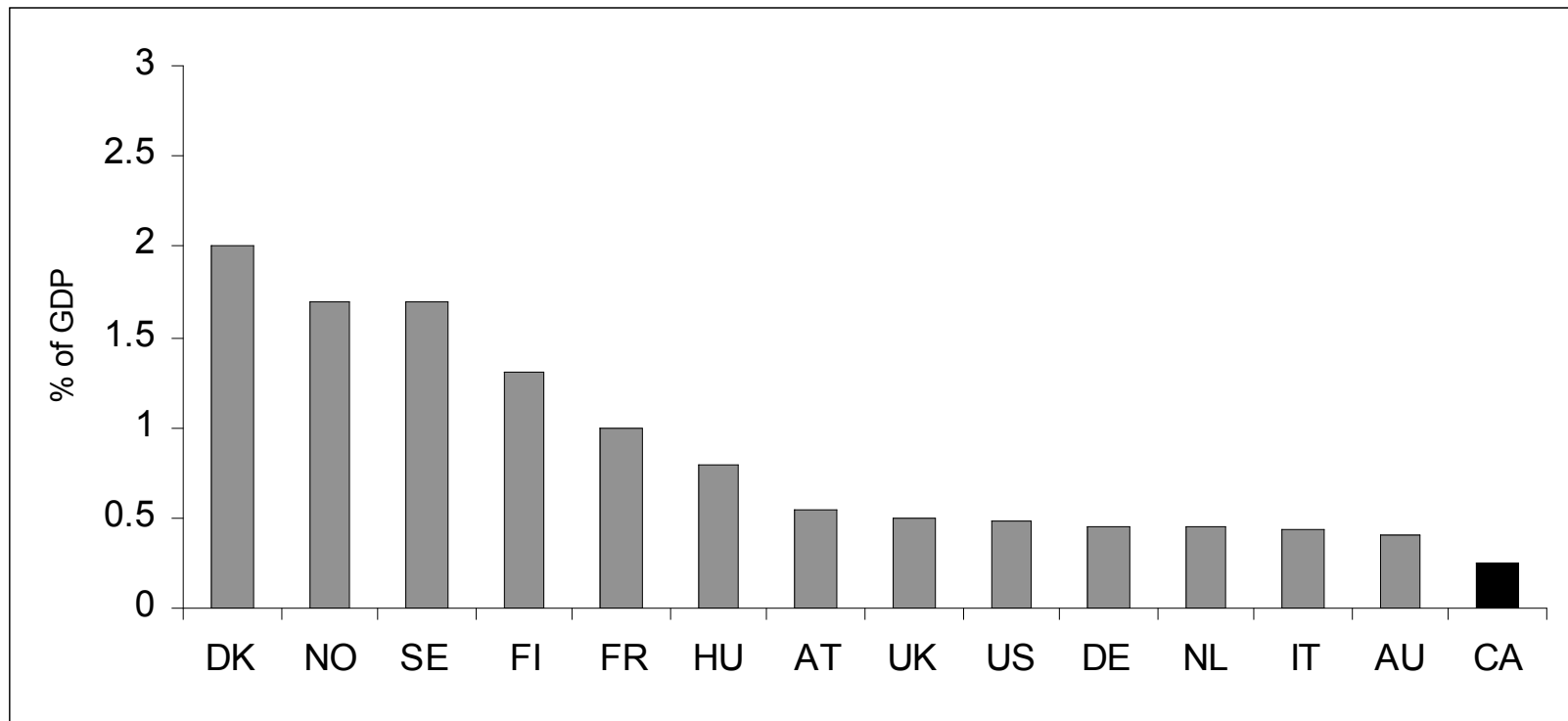
There is a problem....

In BC

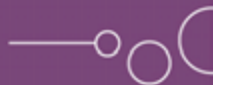
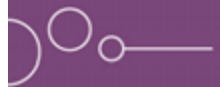
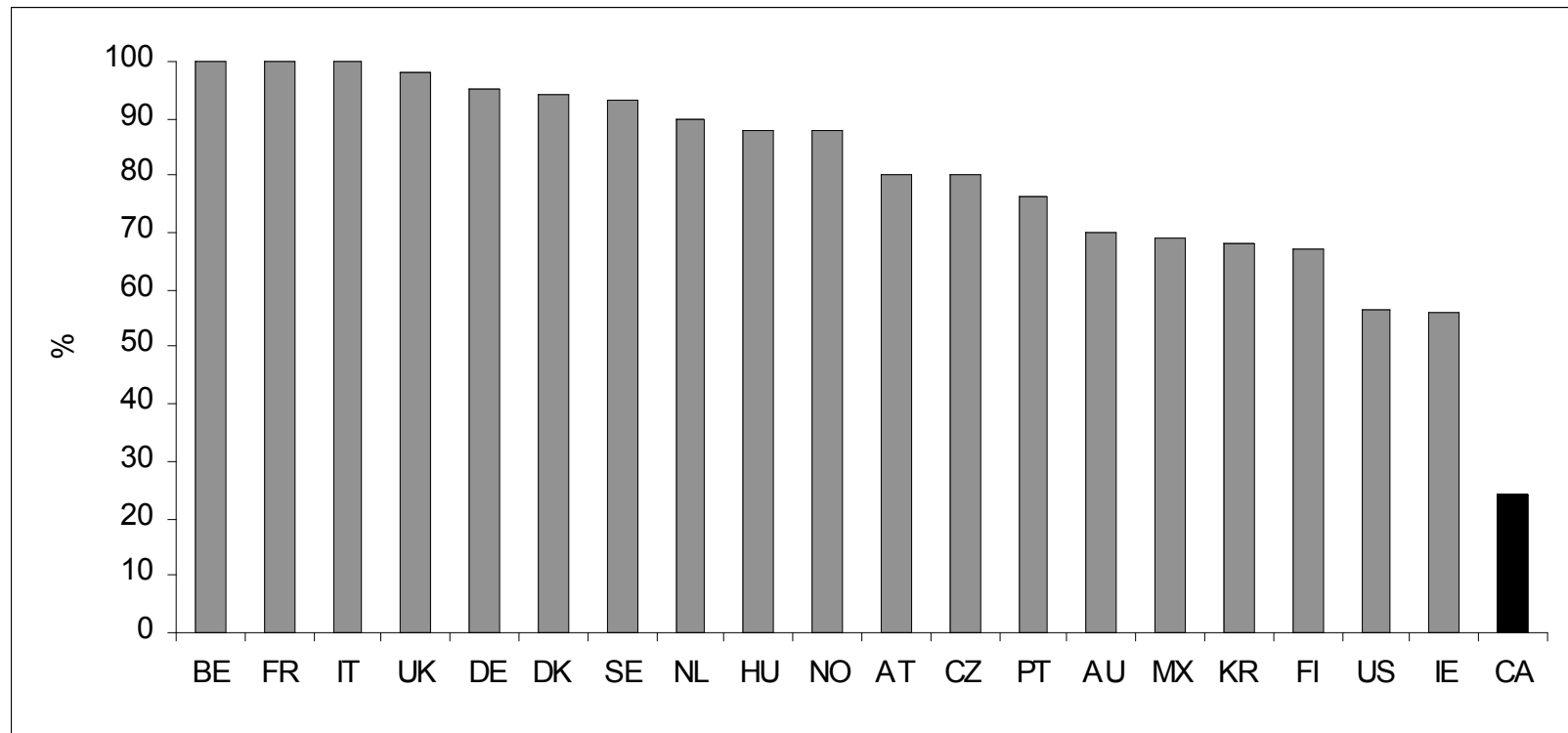
- 85% - see lack of affordable child care as a problem
- 90% - think government has a role to play



Spending on ELCC Programs

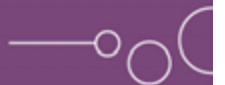


Rate of access to ELCC programs for 3-6 year olds



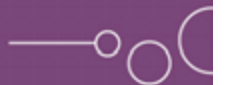
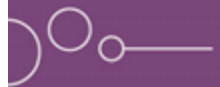
Failed Policies

- Fees are up
- Wait lists are growing
- Wages are down



False Fixes

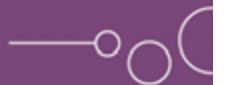
- Individual Problem/Individual Solutions
- Deregulation
- Market Based solutions



It's all about values

False fixes don't and won't work because they come from very different values –

values that **don't** reflect the heart and soul of child care.



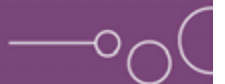
Values that haven't worked

That our public and community services – are the problem

That the profit motive is the model of efficiency

That rather than being 'citizens' – we are customers, consumers, clients

That we need to be 'relieved' of collective responsibility – so we have more money to take care of ourselves

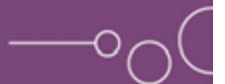
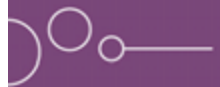


But – when things get bad

The place we turn...

Our public, democratically controlled
institutions

Places that reflect 'child care' values



Our solutions reflect our values

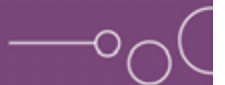
Relationships matter

Communities matter

Cooperation not competition

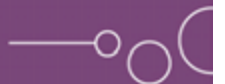
Sharing is good

No one has to do badly for all of us to do well



We have solutions

1. **Our Child Care Plan**
2. **Our Costing and Accountability Model**
3. **Our Governance Model** – The rEvolution of community controlled child care in BC



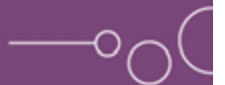
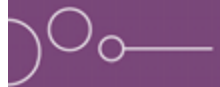
Our Child Care Plan

PROVINCIAL CHILD CARE LEGISLATION

Time to enshrine the right of access for BC children and families

Build a publicly funded child care system based on principles:

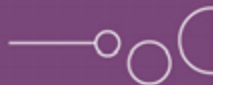
- universality
- inclusive
- publicly funded
- community owned
- accountable



Our Child Care Plan

Coordinated action in 5 key areas:

1. Fund the system
2. Expand the system
3. Develop the workforce
4. Meet diverse needs
5. Enhance quality

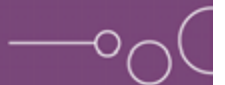


Our Child Care Plan

Plan developed in 2005

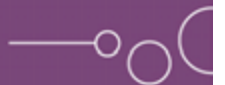
Not today's crisis

If government had listened – imagine
where we would be today...



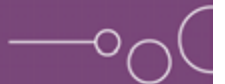
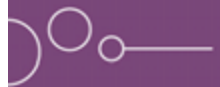
Costing and Accountability Model

- Action 1 - Fund the system
- Debunk the 'bottomless pit' myth
- Show that BC can do it



Costing and Accountability Model

- A space for every child 1-12 likely to use it
- Parent fees no more than 20% average
- Wages at \$20 plus benefits



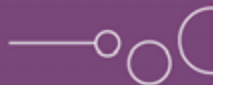
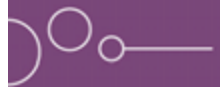
Costing and Accountability Model

Net annual additional public investment is
\$1.2 billion

Really an investment model

BC has had the surpluses to do it

Even now - no better way for BC to *invest* in
our present and our future.



One more piece

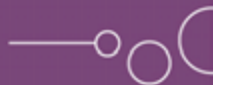
Ensure that investments build system that

Meets community needs

Belongs to community

Community is proud of

Our Governance Model...

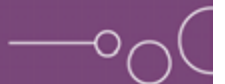
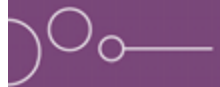
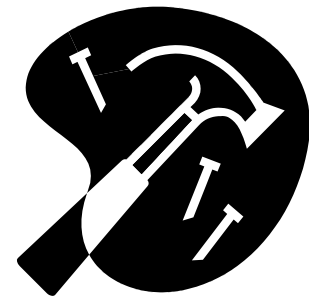


Community Owned and Controlled

We only have child care because communities have knowledge, experience and commitment

It's time to give communities the power and mandate tools and resources

to build and own the child care system we need



Community Child Care Boards

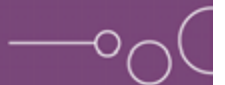
Over time...

A mandate to plan, develop and deliver child care

Capital budgets to create non-profit/public spaces

Operating budgets to deliver affordable, quality care

Democratic decision-making processes



The Heart and Soul of Child Care

Yes – government is responsible for

Sound public policy

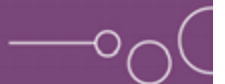
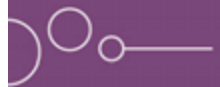
Stable public funding

Policies that support quality



But - the heart and soul of child care is the
trust between children, families, caregivers
and communities

Build from our strength

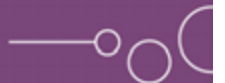


Communities have solutions

We have

- A plan
- A budget
- A vision of how to govern democratically

Communities are ready, willing and able
It is DOABLE

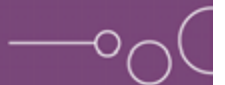


Today – more important than ever!

Some will say – now isn't the time

We couldn't disagree more!

When times are tough ... our values
show us the way forward



Lets proudly say that

**The things communities build together
are the solution – not the problem**

Child care is a solution!

