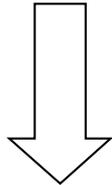


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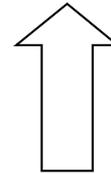
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**DAYCARE:
FEES DOWN! WAGES UP!**



On Sept. 29, 2005 BC and the federal government signed an Agreement in Principle on Early Learning and Child Care. Under this Agreement, BC will receive \$633 million from the federal government over the next 5 years for regulated child care for children under the age of 6.

This is enough to begin building a publicly funded, non-profit, high quality, affordable and accessible child care system that meets the needs of children and their working families.

But, it's clear the BC government doesn't have the political commitment, will or ability to use these dollars to make a real difference. If left to their own devices - they will waste the money tinkering with ineffective strategies that don't work and on anything but child care.

Parents, advocates caregivers and social justice activists spent 25 years fighting for federal leadership and funds. Now – we demand that the BC government use these funds to bring:

FEES DOWN – Unless user fees for child care come down and stay down, BC children and families will not be able access quality child care.

WAGES UP – Unless caregivers' wages go up and stay up, BC will not be able to improve and sustain quality child care services.

To do this, BC must shift the cost of child care from user fees to public funding. It must deliver adequate direct operating funds to child care services that meet the needs of working families. It must make sure these funds are used to cap parent fees and raise wages on the front lines.

It's not rocket science but it does take political will. Here's what you can do:

- ✓ Wear your "Fees Down Wages Up Button" proudly.
- ✓ Talk to parents and co-workers about why we need to bring Fees Down and Wages Up.
- ✓ Tell the Premier, Stan Hagen and your MLA that you expect them to spend the federal funds to bring Fees Down and Wages Up. You can send the Premier a letter from www.cccabc.bc.ca
- ✓ Take the Fees Down/Wages Up message into upcoming consultations on BC's child care plans.
- ✓ Assess government's child care plans on whether or not they bring Fees Down and Wages Up.
- ✓ Check our website regularly at www.cccabc.bc.ca for new campaign strategies and tools.