

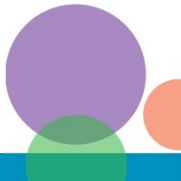


Child Care in Victoria

Mayor's Child Care Solutions Working Group

City of Victoria Committee of the Whole

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Agenda



1. Project introduction & provincial context
 2. Methodology
 3. Results
 4. Recommendations
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Why should better access to child care matter?

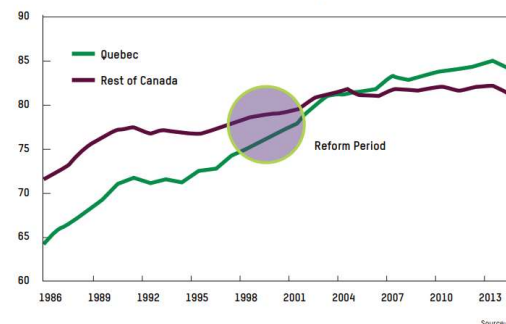
- Economic growth
- Child development
- Gender equality

\$19.2 BILLION

IF THE 670,000 WOMEN WHO WERE WORKING PART-TIME IN 2016 WERE ABLE TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK THEY WANTED, THEY WOULD HAVE BROUGHT HOME AN ADDITIONAL \$19.2 BILLION IN WAGES.⁹

International studies, program evaluations and quality measurements have repeatedly shown that participation in early childhood education and care programs has positive effects on children's cognitive and language development and their happiness, and has long-term impacts on their education, employment and earnings.¹⁸

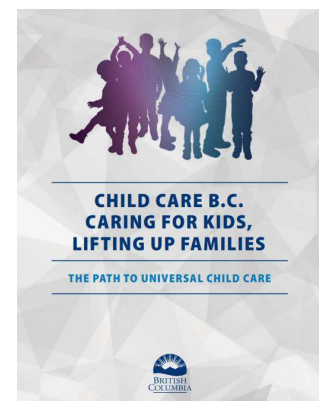
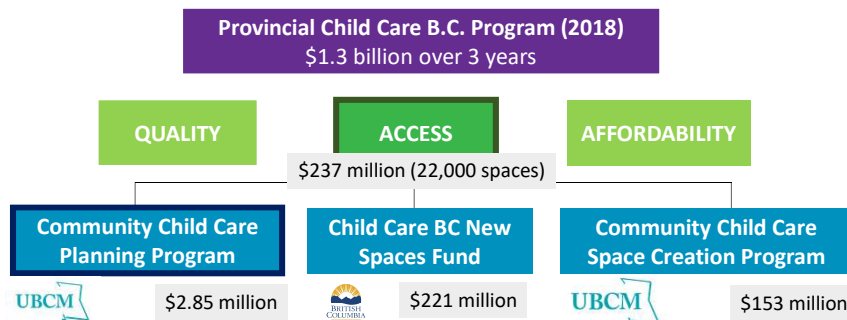
Figure 2: Women's Labour Force Participation Rates in Quebec and the Rest of Canada, Ages 25-54



Source: *Who Cares? Why Canada needs a public child care system*, OXFAM 2019

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Provincial Strategy - Child Care B.C. (Budget 2018)



Goal: Move towards Universal Child Care

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Methodology

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Child Care Inventory
- Community Profile
- Background Policy Research
- Space Creation Targets
- Recommendations



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Engagement Roll-Up

41
participants

PROVIDER SURVEY

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

26
participants

FOCUS GROUPS

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ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEWS

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Results: Inventory

CHILD CARE			CHILD POPULATION			Child Care Gap
Neighbourhood	# of Providers	# of Spaces	Children Aged 0-4	Children Aged 5-9	Children Aged 0-9	
Oaklands	21	531				897 (51%)
Fernwood	9	257				
North Jubilee	1	20				
South Jubilee	3	40				
TOTAL for combined area A	34	848	905	840	1745	

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Results: Inventory

CHILD CARE			CHILD POPULATION			Child Care Gap
Neighbourhood	# of Providers	# of Spaces	Children Aged 0-4	Children Aged 5-9	Children Aged 0-9	
Downtown	6	262				35 (10%)
North Park	2	48				
Harris Green	0	0				
TOTAL for combined area B	8	310	220	125	345	

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Results: Inventory

CHILD CARE			CHILD POPULATION			Child Care Gap
Neighbourhood	# of Providers	# of Spaces	Children Aged 0-4	Children Aged 5-9	Children Aged 0-9	
Fairfield	9	399				
Rockland	4	106				
Gonzales	4	146				
TOTAL for combined area C	17	651	570	650	1220	569 (47%)

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Results: Inventory

CHILD CARE			CHILD POPULATION			Child Care Gap
Neighbourhood	# of Providers	# of Spaces	Children Aged 0-4	Children Aged 5-9	Children Aged 0-9	
Burnside	3	219	200	140	340	121 (36%)
Hillside/Quadra	12	214	440	360	800	586 (73%)
James Bay	9	248	310	270	580	332 (57%)
Victoria West	7	184	300	240	540	356 (65%)

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Results: Inventory

- Largest gaps currently, by neighbourhood:
 - Hillside/Quadra (73% gap)
 - Victoria West (65% gap)
 - James Bay (57% gap)
 - Combined Area A (51% gap)
 - Combined Area C (47% gap)

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Results: Current Supply & Access Rate

	Child Population (2016)	Number Spaces (2019)	of Access Rate (spaces per 100 children)
0 – 5 years	3,485	1,301	37.3
6 – 12 years	3,565	1,484	41.6

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Results: Demand & Space Creation Targets

Ages 0 to 5:

TARGET:

1,581 total spaces in 10 years

~ 28 new spaces per year
over the next 10 years.

Ages 6 to 12:

TARGET:

2,759 total spaces in 10 years

~ 128 new spaces per year
over the next 10 years.

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Results: Recommendations

5 themes:

- Process
- Policy
- Partnerships
- Advocacy
- Education & Training

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Recommendations: Process

- 1.1 **Streamline** local government regulatory processes (business licensing and zoning) and work with licensing to improve application and referral steps.
- 1.2 **Implement** child care planning best practices and maintain access rate and child care need data overtime.

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Recommendations: Policy

- 2.1 **Embed** child care planning into community planning activities.
- 2.2 **Improve** regulatory tools to help facilitate the construction of new child care centres.
- 2.3 **Create** incentives for the creation of child care spaces in new developments.

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Recommendations: Partnerships

- 3.1 **Build** to future capacity through strengthening partnerships with other agencies and Municipalities
- 3.2 **Demonstrate** leadership in child care provisioning

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Recommendations: Advocacy

- 4.1 **Advocate** for changes to the School Act to better support child care space creation in the province
- 4.2 **Advocate** to Senior government for additional capital funding for child care projects
- 4.3 **Support** and **encourage** employers to share responsibility for child care within their communities
- 4.4 **Address** gaps in equity and promote poverty reduction
- 4.5 **Advocate** for child care as a social determinant of health

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Recommendations: Education & Training

5.1 **Develop** child care start-up workshops and guidebooks

5.2 **Support** enhanced training for local ECEs

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