# A NEW DAY FOR FAMILIES

# **BUDGET 2018 INVESTS MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN CHILD CARE AND EARLY LEARNING OVER THREE YEARS.**

## **CHILDCARE BC**

Parents are struggling to find affordable, quality child care in their communities. Businesses are finding it challenging to attract and retain employees because parents can't go back to work without someone to look after their kids. Making sure child care is affordable is good for families and it is good for our economy.



The Childcare BC plan marks a new day for families. It is a made-in-B.C. universal child care plan that focuses on three core pillars:

### **AFFORDABILITY:**

Launched in April 2018, the new child care fee reduction initiative is already benefitting almost 30,000 families. Parent with children in participating licensed care are eligible for the following fee reductions:

- > Up to \$350/month for group infant/toddler care;
- > Up to \$200/month for family infant/toddler care;
- > Up to \$100/month for group care for children aged 3-Kindergarten; and
- ▶ Up to \$60/month for family care for children aged 3-Kindergarten.

A new affordable child care benefit will provide up to 86,000 families across B.C. with up to \$1,250 per month in child care cost relief by 2020.

To find out if your provider has opted in, visit: http://ow.ly/eVwl30jLjq0

#### ACCESSIBILITY:

The creation of more than 22,000 new licensed child care spaces throughout the province, and incentives for licensed service providers to offer child care outside of standard business hours.

#### QUALITY:

Boosting the supply of Early Childhood Educators to meet growing demand and rising quality standards.

Addressing the issues of wages, recruitment and retention in the child-care sector.

For more information, visit: www.childcare.gov.bc.ca



- >> \$350 through Child Care Fee Reduction Program
- >> \$900 through Affordable Child Care Benefit

Total benefits under Child Care B.C. \$1,250

Cost of licensed child care beginning in September 2018:





#### PAYING: \$2,050/MONTH

#### SAVINGS UNDER CHILD CARE B.C.:

- » \$450 through Child Care Fee Reduction Program
- » \$1,492.40 through Affordable Child Care Benefit

Total benefits under Child Care B.C. **\$1,942.40** 

Estimated cost of licensed child care beginning in 2020:



