



Canadian Future Party Support for Early Learning and Child Care system building and Early Childhood Educators in Canada

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Good Evening,

Thank you for reaching out to us! The Canadian Future Party strongly supports education and childcare, including the critical work of ECEs. The party leader, Dominic Cardy, was previously the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development in New Brunswick, so this topic is especially near and dear to his heart. That being said, it should be noted that childcare is a shared jurisdiction between the federal and provincial governments. Wages and working conditions would be negotiated between ECEs and provincial and federal governments on a province-by-province basis.

The CFP is committed to respecting mandated divisions of power while equally protecting the authority of the federal government to act within its jurisdiction. The national early childhood education and daycare program introduced by the Liberals needs to be reformed and expanded. Affordable, high-quality early childhood education makes it easier to raise a family, allows parents to get back to work, and helps kids develop good skills and habits at a critical point in their lives. The CFP also proposes the creation of a national Early Childhood Education summit to bring together ECEs and experts to raise the standards and practices across the country. This summit would also provide an opportunity to learn from provinces and territories what is needed to meet the goal of delivering national, affordable childcare by 2028.

The CFP also supports allowing daycares to register as social enterprises in order to be eligible for federal funding, a category created by the Liberals to include businesses that have delivering a social good as their main goal, and what could be more of a social good than offering our young people the right start? This will reduce bureaucracy and allow centre operators to focus their attention where it should be: on the children in their care. We would also look into the creation of an immigration stream that focuses on bringing in ECEs where they are needed.

I hope this helps answer your questions. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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