



I CAN'T WORK!

The current provincial and federal governments attack working families and student parents

- BC cut over **\$40 million** from their annual child care budget beginning in 2002
- Stephen Harper cut **\$455 million** from the National Early Learning and Child Care Agreement and replaced it with a taxable \$100/month for parents for each child under 6
- BC will make **further devastating cuts** to child care on July 1, 2007

FOR FAMILIES THIS WILL MEAN:

- fewer child care spaces
- longer wait lists
- higher fees for child care
- fewer qualified staff
- no commitment to build the quality child care system that children, families, businesses and communities need

The government is forcing me to choose between my child and my work.

Which would you choose?

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Everyone is invited to attend a facilitated Town Hall meeting.
Tuesday, February 6th

Doors open: 6:30 p.m. Meeting: 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Christian Life Daycare, 445 Mercroft Road

Please join us to become more informed, ask questions, express concerns and consider what we can do at this critical time to ensure the best future for our children and our community.

For further information, please contact Monica at 287-7436 or Brenda at 286-6355.

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