

# **Child Care Advocacy Forum**

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## **CHANGES TO CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**

### **What does it mean for your family?**

**On April 1, 2002 the BC government made cuts to child care subsidy.**

#### **Now -**

- You need to earn **\$285 less a month** to qualify for a full subsidy
- You will get **no subsidy** if you qualify for **\$50 a month or less**
- You will get **no subsidy for pre-school fees** unless you are at work, at school or involved in an approved job search.

#### **And more changes are coming.**

The Child Care Advocacy Forum is very worried about how these changes will impact families, children, and child care programs in BC.

We think that government needs to hear what these cuts to the subsidy program mean for real BC families.

**Let them know what this means for you by filling out the attached form.**

#### **Once you have filled it out – here's what to do:**

1. Send it by mail, FAX or email to your MLA. For details on how to contact your MLA, go to [www.gov.bc.ca/bcgov/popt/mlalookup/](http://www.gov.bc.ca/bcgov/popt/mlalookup/)
2. Send a copy to the Murray Coell, the Minister of Human Resources at PO Box 9058, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC, V8W 9E2 and Lynn Stephens, the Minister of State for Women's Equality at PO Box 9490 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9N7
3. Send us a copy at the FAX or address above OR ask your child care provider to send to us a copy so we can keep track of what families from across the province have told government.

**Do it today!  
Let government know how  
their decisions affect your family**

# This is what changes to child care subsidy mean to my family

I am the parent/guardian of: *(list number and age of children)*

My child/children are in: *(check all that apply)*

- a pre-school  a group child care centre  
 a family child care home  before and after-school group care  
 before and after-school family care  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

As a result of changes to the subsidy program *(check all that apply)*

- I will no longer receive a child care subsidy
- I will have to pay \_\_\_\_\_ more a month for child care
- I will have to change my child's current child care arrangement *(Explain briefly what the change will be and why)*
- I will have to change my work schedule *(Explain briefly what the change will be and why)*
- I will have to change my school or training plan *(Explain briefly what the change will be and why)*

Other impacts on my family are:

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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