

Child Care Advocacy Forum

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Send a Message to Minister Hagen OCTOBER 2005

On Sept. 29, 2005, the Governments of BC and Canada signed an Agreement in Principle on Early Learning and Child Care. Under this Agreement, BC will receive \$633 million over the next 5 years for regulated child care for children under the age of 6. The province has promised to consult with the community about a BC Action Plan for spending these funds.

We need to send government a loud, strong message that we expect them to use the funds to move away from the current user fee child care system to a publicly funded child care system.

To make it easy for you to have your voice heard, the Advocacy Forum has prepared a message you can send to Minister Stan Hagen. You can either:

- download, print and mail a copy of the letter, or
- send Minister Hagen an email.

Please share this campaign with others in your community and encourage them to send a Message to the Minister. Together, let's make sure that BC begins to build the child care system children and families need and deserve.

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