

Our Children Count!
A Rally on the Grounds of the Legislature
May 16th at 1:00



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Dear Parents,

BC stands to lose hundreds of millions of dollars for child care from the federal government. Yet, the BC government has remained silent on its commitment to provide a comprehensive community-based child care system for families in our province.

On Tuesday, May 16th, there will be a Child Care Rally at 1:00 PM on the Grounds of the Legislature. The goal of this rally is to draw attention to the value of and need for affordable, quality, child care in the Victoria area and across BC.

At the rally, we will be calling on the provincial government to develop a plan for meeting our communities' child care needs and to provide adequate funds to make it happen.

As parents currently using quality child care and as voters, your support is critical! What's currently at stake? A loss of federal dollars for child care services could set off:

- Cuts to subsidy rates
- Increased child care fees
- Loss of child care spaces (programs closing)
- Fewer child care choices for families

We are asking you to:

- Attend the rally, bring your child or children.
- Support and encourage your child care staff to participate. If you can pick your child up early on May 16 and attend the rally – 2 things are accomplished!

We believe it is the responsibility of our governments to build quality comprehensive child care system for our families. **Please join us in saying that children, families and communities need child care now!**

If you have questions, please talk with your child care staff or look for background information on the Coalition of Child Care Advocacy of BC website www.cccabc.bc.ca