

Add Your Voices

Why are parents worried about the budget cuts to child care?

By March 31, 2004 the BC government will be spending significantly less than they did in funding regulated child care in 2001. In other words, the BC government will be cutting the funding by more than 50 million dollars.

- The changes and cuts to child care subsidy mean that many low and moderate income families are not able to access quality child care for their children.
- The plans to reduce the spending on Supported Child Care will mean that fewer children who require extra supports will be able to access the regulated child care their families need.
- The termination of the Munroe accord that provided funding to improve the wages of many child care workers will mean that the cost of care will escalate and some families will no longer be able to afford regulated care while they work or go to school.
- After March 31, 2004 the Child Care Resource and Referral and other vital provincial programs will no longer receive funding and families will lose services that support quality child care across BC.

What can you do?

Join the Diaper Campaign - Send a clean diaper to:

- your MLA
- Lynn Stephens - the BC Minister responsible for child care
- Gary Collins - the BC Finance Minister who will deliver the BC Budget for 2003/04
- Premier Gordon Campbell

Attach a message which calls on them to reverse the cuts and restore child care funding.

Share this information with other parents - encourage them to add their voices.

For additional information contact info@parentvoices.ca

Lynn Stephens, Minister of State for Women's Equality
Room 323, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Stephens,
The Provincial budget cuts to child care are hurting our children and families. We call on you to reverse the cuts and restore the funding. Our children need and deserve affordable, regulated, quality child care in our communities.

(Signature)

(Print name)

(Print complete address)

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Gary Collins, Minister of Finance
Room 153, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Collins,
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MLA
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**Premier Gordon Campbell
Room 156, Parliament Buildings
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