

Send A "Memo to Manley"

The federal government is preparing a spring budget for 2003/2004. It will be released in February 2003. The Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada is calling on advocates to send a clear message to the federal Finance Minister, Hon. John Manley, that it's time to make child care a priority.

How to do it?

- Copy and paste A Memo to Manley in this message.
- Add in a subject heading e.g., "Message from a Voter".
- Add your name and address and e-mail your message to Hon. John Manley at Manley.J@parl.gc.ca [or fax to Hon. John Manley at (613) 995-1534].
- Share this with other child care advocates and encourage them to add their voices too.

A Memo to Manley

It's time for the federal government to make quality child care a priority. I call on you to:

1. Commit to a new action plan to develop a comprehensive child care system starting with \$1 billion in 2003/04; \$2.2 billion in 2004/05; \$3.2 billion in 2005/06; and \$4.5 billion in 2006/07 for a total of 10.9 billion over the first four years.
2. Develop a consistent provincial/territorial agreement that requires all provinces/territories to use the designated federal funds solely for building a comprehensive child care system.
3. Develop provincial/territorial agreements so that all of Canada's children, regardless of their family's income level, geographical location, or employment status will have access to: a range of regulated, high quality, inclusive, and affordable child care programs in their own community.
4. Require that each province/territorial government will work with the appropriate public sector bodies, aboriginal peoples and/or community based organizations to plan and to provide regionally responsive and accountable child care services.