



BREAKING THE DAYCARE DEALS

FUNDING for Child Care

1. Did you know BC gets money from the federal government that can be used to lower daycare fees and create more new daycare spaces?

The 5 year deal promised hundreds of millions of dollars to BC to be used to start building a daycare system (for children under 6 years). This year BC is spending some of this money to help daycares cover some of the daily costs and to give higher daycare subsidies to more families.

2. BUT Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the Conservative government will NOT honour the 5 year agreement signed last year.

What does this mean for you and other families?

There will be **no more money** from Ottawa for creating more daycare spaces OR for making daycare more affordable for more families.

And, the BC budget does not include any money to cover the loss of federal daycare dollars.

Without the federal money, daycare fees will likely go up and daycare subsidies will be cut. It could also mean that children with special needs will not be able to enroll in daycare programs with the help they need. And families who are on waiting lists will not be able to get a new daycare space.

3. What does this federal \$ mean at your daycare?

This year our daycare got \$ _____ (amount of operating funding for the year).

How was this \$ used at your daycare?

Our daycare used it to:

- avoid another fee increase.
 - improve staff wages/ benefits.
 - cover other daily expenses such as _____
- _____



Parents from across BC can join in sending a message — ‘Sock it’ to Premier Campbell and Prime Minister Harper. Let them know we expect them to honour the daycare deals signed last year!

How to join the “Sock it to ‘em” campaign.

1. Select any two socks (your choice) OR cut out two of our paper socks — one for the premier and one for the prime minister.
2. Print the MESSAGE below OR write your own message and fasten it to each of the socks (staple, pin etc.).
3. Collect socks from others and mail all socks/messages to:

Premier Gordon Campbell
Parliament Buildings
PO Box 9041, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC
V8W 9E1

AND

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

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Message to Premier Campbell and Prime Minister Harper:

**We expect you to honour and defend the daycare agreements.
We depend on access to quality, affordable daycare!**

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City, Province & Postal Code _____

Signature _____