

### QUALITY

2018

- » Estimated Early Childhood Educator (ECE) workforce: 11,000
- » \$1 per hour ECE wage enhancement to 9,100 ECEs
- » Median ECE wage: \$19 per hour with wage enhancement
- » The ECE Education Support Fund enhanced & expanded in partnership with ECEBC

2024

- » Over 15,000 Early Childhood Educators (ECE) workforce
- » \$6 per hour ECE wage enhancement to 13,500 ECEs per month
- » Median ECE wage: \$29 per hour with wage enhancement
- » Prioritizing ECEs and ECE Assistants under the Provincial Nominee Program
- » More than \$27 million in the ECE Education Support Fund, has provided bursaries to support nearly 7,500 students

### AFFORDABILITY

- » Introduced fee reductions of up to \$350 a month per child, for children kindergarten and younger
- » Launched \$10 a Day ChildCareBC program with 50+ sites supporting 2,500 spaces
- » Introduced fee increase oversight for providers caring for children kindergarten and younger
- » Introduced the Affordable Child Care Benefit, providing income tested supports for families earning up to \$111,000 a year

- » Increased fee reductions up to \$900 per month, for children birth to kindergarten
- » Expanded the \$10 a Day ChildCareBC program to 13,200 spaces
- » To support providers and help lift up the sector, participating providers receive up to \$96 per month per enrolled space in provider payments
- » Continue to provide Affordable Child Care Benefit for low and middle income families
- » Extending eligibility for fee reductions to children in licensed preschool programs and Grades 1 and older

### ACCESSIBILITY

- » 111,600 spaces at 4,600 facilities receiving child care funding

- » 146,000 spaces at 5,400 facilities receiving child care funding
- » Over 37,000 new licensed child care spaces funded through accelerated space creation programs, with more than 18,000 of these spaces operational

### INDIGENOUS

- » No provincially-funded, full-day Aboriginal Head Start (AHS) child care programs

- » Over 1,700 federally and provincially-funded AHS spaces, providing culturally relevant child care at no cost to Indigenous families

### INCLUSION

- » 6,000 children per month receiving support through the Aboriginal Supported Child Development and Supported Child Development programs

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### INVESTMENTS

- » Provincial: \$474 million<sup>1</sup>
- » Federal: \$51 million
- » Total: \$525 million

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- » Federal: \$822 million
- » Total: \$1.7 billion
- » Increase of \$1.2 billion since 2018-19
- » Six year cumulative total: \$6 billion

Note: Provincial investments include the Ministries of Education and Child Care, Children and Family Development, Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and Health. Federal investments include funding through the Bi-lateral ELCC and CW-ELCC agreements. Data per 2023-24 Estimates.

### **AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE BENEFIT**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/affordablechildcarebenefit](http://www.gov.bc.ca/affordablechildcarebenefit)

### **CHILD CARE FEE REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/optin](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/optin)

### **CHILD CARE OPERATING FUNDING**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/childcareoperatingfunding](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcareoperatingfunding)

### **CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTRES**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres](http://www.gov.bc.ca/ChildCareResourceReferralCentres)

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR REGISTRY**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/earlychildhoodeducator](http://www.gov.bc.ca/earlychildhoodeducator)

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR - WAGE ENHANCEMENT**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/wage-enhancement](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/wage-enhancement)

### **MAINTENANCE FUND**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/ccmaintenancefund](http://www.gov.bc.ca/ccmaintenancefund)

### **NEW SPACES FUND**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/newspacesfund](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/newspacesfund)

### **START-UP GRANTS (HOME BASED FACILITIES)**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/startupgrants](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcare/startupgrants)

### **\$10 A DAY CHILDCAREBC CENTRES**

» [www.gov.bc.ca/10adaychildcare](http://www.gov.bc.ca/10adaychildcare)

### **YOUNG PARENT PROGRAM**

» <https://tinyurl.com/2u9rr9bp>