

What they're saying

The argument can no longer be that governments cannot afford it. This program is paying for itself. It is self-financing.

Pierre Fortin, *Professor of Economics, University of Québec at Montréal*

Providing children with a good start is key to ensuring they grow into healthy adults with the best opportunities to succeed. Providing parents with choice about how to care for their children and making quality and accessible childcare both affordable and available is critical.

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As a long-time childcare advocate and policy researcher, I'm delighted with the federal NDP's childcare platform. It clearly sets out how to get moving toward the national, high-quality ECEC program young families so critically need—as does Canada as a whole—and will be key in opening up the coming election debate on early childhood education and care.

Martha Friendly, *Childcare advocate and researcher (Ontario)*

Parents and grandparents in BC know that fees for quality childcare are too often out of reach for most families. The NDP plan to reduce parent fees to no more than \$15 per day will be a boost to young families struggling to enter the job market, pay down student loans and afford housing. Affordable childcare helps parents stay in the workforce to support their families.

Sharon Gregson, *Childcare advocate (British Columbia)*

The NDP's childcare plan is good news for all Canadians. Access to quality, affordable childcare is vital for our children, and helps families work and study while keeping the wheels of our economy running smoothly.

Paul Moist, *CUPE National President*