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It's time for affordable child care in BC



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Which federal party election platforms will help BC implement the \$10aDay Child Care Plan?

The \$10aDay Plan is the solution to BC's child care crisis and is now supported by local governments and organizations representing two million British Columbians. To implement the \$10aDay Plan we need public investments to lower parent fees, raise caregiver wages and education, and increase the number of licensed spaces.

While an independent economic analysis shows that BC can afford to implement the \$10aDay Plan on its own, federal/provincial cost sharing makes sense because the benefits are shared between the two levels of government about equally.

Below we examine each party's election platform to determine how they will help BC implement the \$10aDay Plan. The differences are striking! Help BC families now. Share this information. Encourage friends and family to vote. Vote child care!

#1 NDP – New Democratic Party



The NDP commits to an affordable, universal, national child care program in which parents pay no more than \$15 a day. They promise to work with provinces, territories, and Indigenous communities to create or maintain 370,000 affordable spaces in the first four years, with a total of 1 million spaces over eight years. Their commitment includes dedicated federal funding that grows to \$1.9 billion annually over three years, reaching \$5 billion annually in eight years, or about 60 per cent of the cost, with provinces contributing the remaining 40 per cent.

The NDP approach and funding commitments are consistent with the \$10aDay Plan including our implementation timeline and financing options. If the NDP forms the next federal government, we expect their actions will help implement the Plan in BC.

#2 Green Party



The Green Party commits to child care for at least 70 per cent of children under 6. Their platform speaks about affordable child care for any family that seeks it, and to federal transfers directed to public and non-profit providers. The Green Party has dedicated federal transfers that grow to \$1 billion annually over three years – lower than the NDP funding commitment. The Green Party also proposes to eliminate the UCCB and transfer those funds (\$6.7 billion) to child care. Their total annual funding could reach \$7.7 billion, which is higher than the NDP commitment of \$5 billion. However, the Green Party platform does not specify timing or amounts of the transfers.

The Green Party approach and funding commitments have elements that are consistent with the \$10aDay Plan. If they form the next federal government we expect that, with work on their policies, their actions could help.

#3 Liberal Party



The Liberal Party commits to create a National Early Learning and Child Care Framework. Their platform speaks about accessible, affordable, inclusive child care, but does not include specific details, benchmarks, or dedicated funds. The Liberal platform puts child care into a larger Social Infrastructure Fund that also includes housing, seniors, and recreational infrastructure.

The Liberal Party approach has elements that are consistent with the \$10aDay Plan, but their funding commitments are unclear. If they form the next federal government, we expect that considerable work on both policy and funding will be required.

#4 Conservative Party

The Conservative Party has no commitment to build a child care system or increase investment in quality, affordable child care services.

The Conservative Party approach and lack of funding commitments are not consistent with the \$10aDay Plan. If the Conservative Party forms the next federal government, we cannot expect help to implement the Plan in BC.

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