

From Reopening to Recovery: Where are we now?

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Agenda

- Setting the context
- What we've done
- Discussion on *From Reopening to Recovery: Where are we now?*
- Next steps



Context Setting

- The Ontario government has failed to address the concerns of the EYCC sector;
- Communication has been unclear and contradictory;
- Value of the early childhood workforce to children, families and communities has not been recognized;
- Has failed to ensure professional pay and decent work for RECEs, early years staff and child care providers; and
- Still has provided no new provincial money in the “sustainability funding” for child care centres during the closure period.



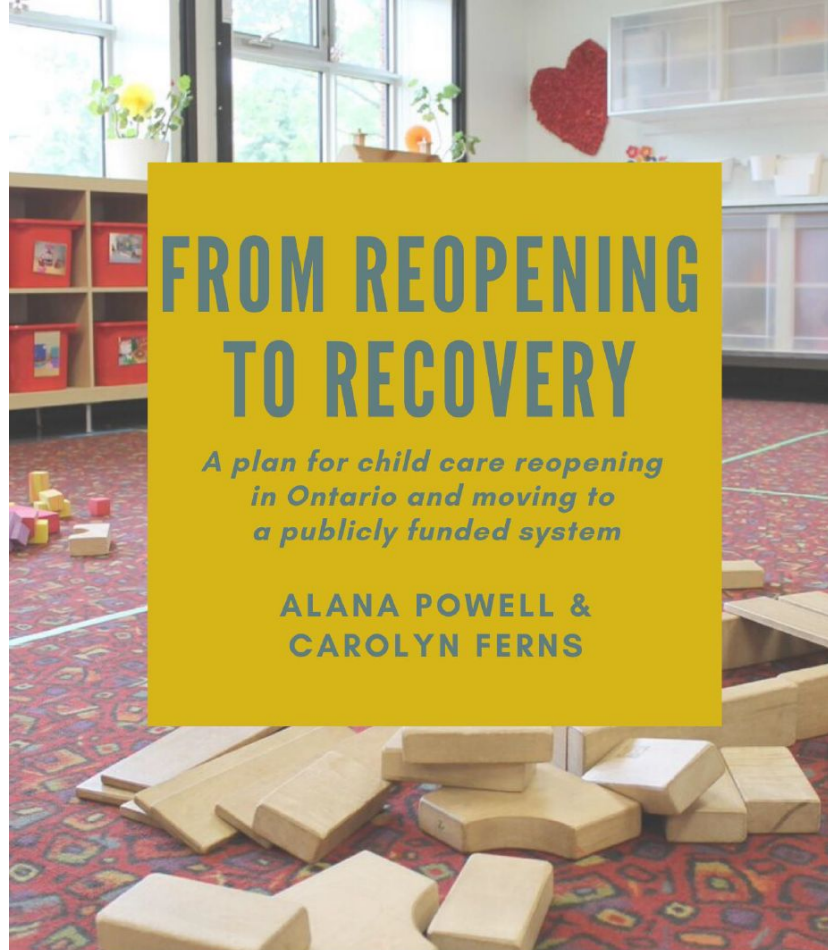
How have we responded?

Sector support and advocacy through:

- Weekly CoP calls with RECEs, early years staff, and operators;
- Local calls led by CoP leads in their communities
- MPP and MPs meeting;
- Town Halls on child care;
- Stakeholder meetings with the Ministry of Education.
- One-on-one membership support
- Support and amplify sector allies campaigns
- Virtual Rally for Child Care with 17,000 views
- Letter Campaign re: Pandemic Pay
- Letter Campaign re: Emergency Response Plan



**Where are we
now?**



FROM REOPENING TO RECOVERY

*A plan for child care reopening
in Ontario and moving to
a publicly funded system*

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Current challenges

- Funding Issues
- Health and Safety Issues
- Lack of Decent Work
- Sustainability Issues
- Alignment with School reopening



What we need - next steps for advocacy

Twitter storm:

#ListenUpLecce - children, ECEs, and families deserve better - we need funding and a plan for #childcare and a #SafeSeptember @Sflece #FordFailsFamilies #ECEPower

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What we need - next steps for advocacy

Share the updated report when it's released

Join a local Community of Practice for **Provincial Day of Action** with Decent Work and Health Network on August 29th

Follow Ontario Parent Action Network, Ontario Families for Public Education, and Ontario Education Workers United for action on #SafeSeptember

Set up a virtual meeting with your MPP -> *Review the Campaign Tool-Kit*

https://www.childcareontario.org/reopening_recovery_campaign_2020

Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Worker Appreciation Day, **October 22nd, 2020**. https://www.childcareontario.org/ccwad_2020



Why membership matters

The AECEO and OCBCCC are membership-based organizations - we are only as strong as our memberships. Strong membership means a louder collective voice, and more power in the process of change.

We know that for many this is an impossible time - but we hope that you consider donations or memberships when able. Our work has never been more needed, and we can't do this work without you.

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