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Special Edition: Budget 2012

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We've fixed the problems and wanted to re-send so you can share with friends, family and colleagues!

Ontario's Child Care Community is Coming Together

Let's make this the year we save child care!

This is a special edition of our newsletter on the campaign to save child care in Ontario. **Without funding in this year's budget, child care centres will close, and parent fees will rise. We all need to act now to save our sector.** If you do not want to receive our free advocacy e-newsletter, please click the following link: [Remove me from this list](#)

On March 6th at Queen's Park, the Ontario Coalition for Better Child care held a press conference to launch our campaign for child care funding. Momentum is building. Child care centres are coming forward; parents are taking action.

In this e-mail we will outline the problem, the solution, and what you can do - a great new social media tool for parents and staff.

The Problem

Community-based, not-for-profit child care centres providing high quality child care are at risk of closure; victims of provincial underfunding as well as poor planning and implementation of full-day kindergarten.

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care launched a new website to alert parents and communities of child care centres at-risk of closure or facing financial impacts to their programs. The website, www.childcarenow.ca profiles child care centres. New centres will continue to be added to the site to show the real impact of underfunding on child care programs all across the province. [Click here](#) for the profile template, or e-mail us back to get started!

The Solution

The early learning and child care sector has joined together this year to sound the alarm on the crisis for Ontario's child care system. There is widespread consensus from child care providers and advocates of the steps that are needed to prevent a wave of closures of child care programs:

- Immediate funding of \$287 million to stabilize child care centres
- Funding adjusted for inflation each year
- Develop a new funding model including affordable fees for parents and decent wages for staff
- Immediately stop the licensing of new for-profit child care operations

For more information, read:

[Solutions](#)

[Child Care SOS: A Call for the Ontario government to take action.](#)



What you can do

At www.childcarematterstome.ca you can easily send an e-mail to your MPP and share your story. **Politicians need to hear why child care matters!**

The site allows you to quickly select the message you want to send to your MPP, and then share the campaign through Facebook, Twitter, and e-mail. Share it with your family and friends. We hear every day about how much child care matters to Ontarians, and how hard it is to find and afford. **This is our chance to come together and speak out.**

What's happening

On March 6th, the OCBCC held a **press conference** at Queen's Park for our **campaign launch** with www.childcarenow.ca and www.childcarematterstome.ca. To read the press release and an article in the Toronto Star, please [click here](#).



Ontario's NDP are focusing on child care as an important issue in Ontario. With a minority government, the NDP play a key role in securing child care funding.

Last week at Queen's Park, MPP and NDP Education Critic **Peter Tabuns** asked Minister of Education **Laurel Broten** if the Ontario government has a plan to stop the wave of child care closures. Minister Broten reaffirmed the government's commitment to full-day kindergarten, but made no indication of a plan to protect child care. To read the exchange, [click here!](#)

On Thursday March 1st, MPP **Jagmeet Singh** hosted a town hall in his riding of Bramalea-Gore-Malton along with leader of Ontario's NDP **Andrea Horwath** and the OCBCC. Members of the community discussed the state of child care in the region and ways the community can come together to advocate for better services for their children and families. For more information, including **video** of Horwath's statements, please [click here](#).



About the OCBCC

The OCBCC is committed to bringing about an Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) system that is not-for-profit and publicly funded, universally accessible, and high quality.

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