

Building Child Care in B.C.

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ChildCareBC

A person and a young child are standing on a beach at sunset. The person is holding the child's hand, and the child is pointing towards the sun. The sun is low on the horizon, reflecting on the water. There are mountains in the background and driftwood on the beach.

Introduction

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The Role of Local Government in Child Care

- Public sector and non-profit organizations are key to building and sustaining healthy communities
- Local Governments will continue to be invited and supported to meet the needs of their communities
- We need Local Governments to help improve access to quality and inclusive child care services
- Boards of Education are not taking over the management of child care in B.C.
- The Ministry will explore opportunities to develop and improve regional and local supports



ChildCareBC Programs

Operator Funding

- Child Care Operating Fund
 - Base payments, including wage enhancements, to support day-to-day operating costs
- Start-Up and Capital Grants
 - Major capital funding to build, renovate, or add new child care spaces
 - Start-Up funds for personal residence providers
- Maintenance and Relocation
 - Assists with minor capital repair, replacement, and relocation in emergency circumstances

Reducing Parent Fees

- Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative
 - Funding to providers to reduce fees
- Affordable Child Care Benefit
 - Monthly payment to help eligible families

Supporting Early Childhood Educators



A woman with dark hair, wearing a floral patterned top, is smiling and interacting with children at a light blue table. She is placing a blue ring on a stack of colorful rings. A young girl in a white shirt and blue overalls is sitting at the table, holding an orange cup. A baby in a red and white striped shirt is also at the table, reaching for the rings. Another child is partially visible in the foreground, reaching for a stack of rings. The table is covered with various toys, including a stack of colorful rings, a yellow cup, a pink cup, and a box. In the background, another woman in a white shirt is standing, and a bookshelf is visible. The overall atmosphere is warm and engaging.

Creating new child care spaces

New Spaces Fund

- 100% provincially funded projects for public sector applicants
- Ongoing intake for applications
 - Allow for 6-8 weeks for processing
- No maximum funding cap per project
- Prioritizing projects with a cost per space of \$40,000 or less
- Planning costs are now eligible for reimbursement with a successful application
- Programs can be operated directly by local governments; or in partnership with a non-profit society





City of Burnaby and School District 41 - Burnaby

Local Government and School District Collaboration

- Created 2 child care centres on school properties
- \$2M from City of Burnaby, \$2M from New Spaces Fund
- School District contributed the land, City provides project support, and a non-profit society operates the child care
- Burnaby School District has 15 successful New Spaces Fund projects underway and has received \$18.6 million to create 761 spaces





Kamloops Child Development Centre

School District 73 — Kamloops — Thompson

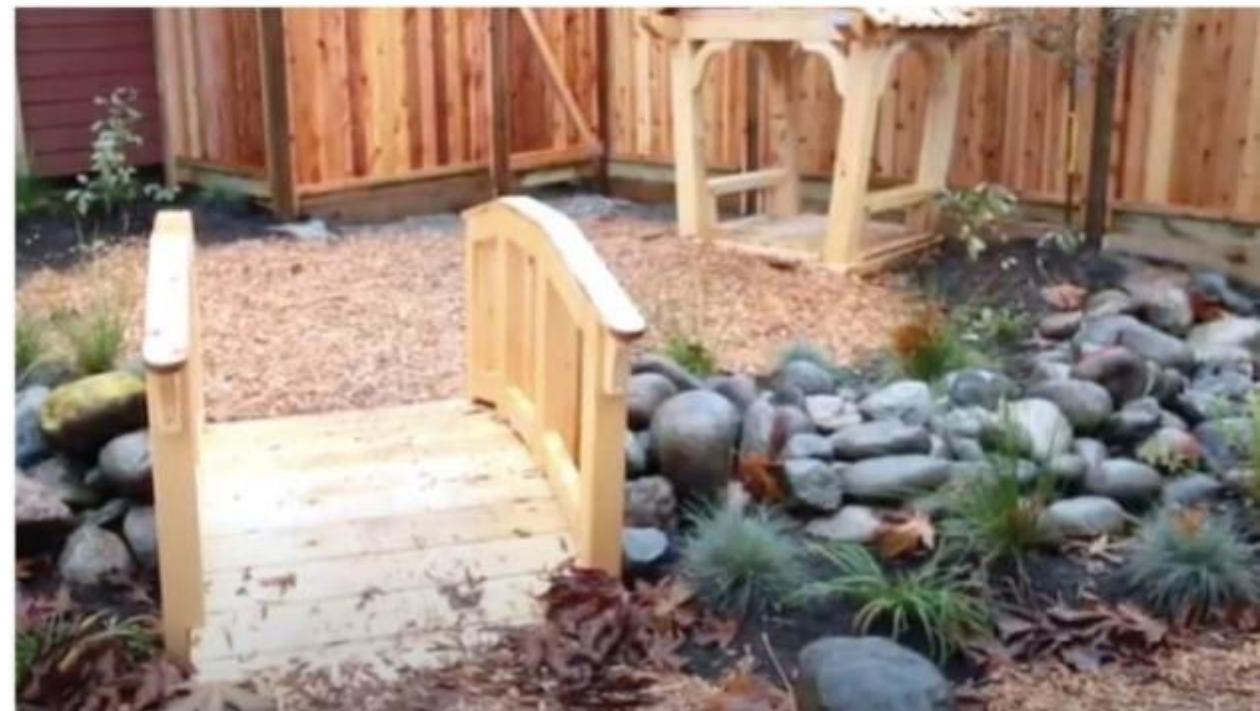
- \$1.4 million to build 42 School Age spaces
- Passive House Net-zero design
- Tilt-up concrete composite modular
- Low energy use for lower operating costs





Squamish Nation

- Mother Bear Child Development Program
- \$900,000 in Provincial Funding, \$400,000 from Squamish Nation
- Ground-up build
- Opened 44 spaces in November 2020
- 12 - Infant/Toddler
- 32 - 30 Months to School Age





Revelstoke Child Care Society

School District 19 - Revelstoke



Begbie View Neighbourhood Learning Centre Early Years Hub

- 30 Infant-Toddler, and 30 months to School Age spaces in Cornerstones Child Care
- \$10aDay ChildCareBC site
- StrongStart
- Leap Land Indoor Playground
- Revelstoke Child Care Society
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
- Public Health Office

Stepping Stones Child Care

- Renovated three classrooms into child care spaces in former Farwell Elementary School
- 44 Infant-Toddler and 30 months to School age child care spaces
- \$10aDay ChildCareBC site



Tips & Considerations

Successful child care projects require adequate community planning, strong budget development, and detailed analysis of risks:

- Enlist the help of an early years' professionals, consultations, and/or health authority licensing officers
- Create a robust budget estimates, build-in contingency funding, and consider key cost escalation factors
- Consider the local supply of the qualified educators, explore opportunities to leverage provincial supports to train new staff, and explore partnerships with post secondary training programs in advance of project completion
- If you are partnering with another organization:
 - Do you have the same goals?
 - Have you completed due diligence checks on suppliers, consultants, and community partners?

Questions?

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