

Monthly CC meeting

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Attached are materials for this morning's monthly child care meeting. I propose that we start with the draft legislative proposal and then we can look at the current stats/initiatives.

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Childcare BC – Update – January 8, 2019

Highlights since the last report (Nov 2019)

- **New Spaces:** Budget for this fiscal and next fiscal almost fully expended. Ministry staff working on options for a temporary suspension.
- **ECE Bursary Fund:** Fund temporarily re-opened with the allocation of an additional \$4M in unspent funds from the federal ELCC agreement.
- **Prototype Sites:** Interim report submitted to MCFD. Ministers will be briefed in mid-January.
- **ELCC:** Federal government is expected to provide BC with a statement that would give current service providers (ie: Prototypes, Supported Child Development and Aboriginal Head Start) assurance of ongoing funding until a new agreement is reached.s.12; s.16
- **Child Care Resource and Referral Centres:** Application period closed for re-procurement. Adjudication underway and expected to take several months.

Statistics

- **Combined impact of affordability programs**
 - Since launching the new Affordable Child Care Benefit in September 2018, more than 24,000 children have accessed child care for no more than \$10-a-day.
 - In addition, about 3,100 children are receiving care in \$10-a-day prototype sites, which brings the total up to more than 27,200 children.
 - These figures include over 11,400 children whose parents have had no-cost child care.
- **Fee Reduction**
 - Renewal for CCOF, the ECE Wage Enhancement and the Child Care Fee Reduction will begin in January.
 - Providers who submit their 2020/21 information by a deadline in February (TBD) will be guaranteed a full or temporary approval to ensure uninterrupted April 1 payments.
 - Enhanced tools will speed up adjudication timelines and simplify the application process for providers.
 - This year, providers' approved fees will be posted on the Ministry website.
- **Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB)**
 - Over 47,500 families (or over 63,000 children) have been approved for ACCB benefit plans.
 - This represents 55% of the expected take-up by year (was 52% in November).

Comparison of ACCB to previous subsidy program

Program	Period	Families	Children	Expenditures
ACCB	Dec 2018 - Nov 2019	44,214	58,620	\$176,492,761
Subsidy	Sep 2017- Aug 2018	21,411	31,122	\$97,927,892

- **New Spaces**
 - Over 11,000 spaces funded through provincially-funded programs to date (New Spaces Fund, Start-up, and EDUC Neighborhood Learning Centres). Target is 22,000 by March 2021.
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- **Maintenance Fund** —*No change since last update*
 - 768 applications funded to date for just over \$2M. Fund now closed except for emergencies.
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- **ECE Wage Enhancement** - *No change since last update*
 - Over 10,000 ECEs receiving wage enhancement .
 - Second wage enhancement of \$1/hour scheduled for implementation in April 2020.
- **Prototype Sites:**
 - Interim evaluation report focuses primarily on surveys of providers, parents, employees and partners on experience in the program. Results show largely positive experiences.
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What's coming up next

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- **ELCC** – Potential Jan 22 meeting in Ottawa of Ministers responsible for child care
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Updated: December 12, 2019 - **Draft and Confidential**

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Amber,

My bad. Allison had sent this to me last month, and it languished in my inbox.

Don

From: Allison Bond
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 11:54 AM
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Can you send to Amber please?

From: Bond, Allison MCF:EX
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You will recall that at our last CC meeting there was a discussion on CC facilities on Leg grounds. Below is the information that can get the relevant parties started. This is publicly available information and uses the usual processes for seeking funding to support CC. There are no other processes available at this time.

I am happy to provide this information to Amber directly. Let me know what you would like to do

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Allison- Here is the info staff have put together for the Clerk regarding the interest in child care on Leg grounds. Any edits before I send on? I can forward through Sarena unless you would like to forward it via Don.

1. Attachment - Opening a Licensed Child Care Facility in Victoria (how to get started)

2. Link to the Provincial Child Care Map (listing all existing licensed child care operators that receive Child Care Operating Funding)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/how-to-access-child-care/search-for-child-care>

3. Links that provide further information on opening and operating a child care facility.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/rules-operating-licensed-day-care>

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Opening a Licensed Child Care Facility in Victoria, BC

How to Get Started

Learn about licensed child care requirements

Learn about the specific requirements for health and safety, staffing qualifications, record keeping, space and equipment, child-to-staff ratios and programming in the following documents:

- [Community Care and Assisted Living Act](#)
- [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#)

Additional instructions and guidance can be found within the fact sheets and information booklets available [online](#).

Learn about the community's child care need

It is important to identify the local child care needs to determine whether the type(s) of licensed spaces to be created at the facility meets the needs within the local community. Community need information can be found in local planning reports, waitlist information, or community demographic projections.

- Victoria's [Official Community Plan](#) is a 30 year plan that provides direction for growth and change within the community. The information contained within this document may be useful when planning to create a new child care facility within the community.
- You may also contact the Victoria [Child Care Resource and Referral](#) office for more information about the community's child care needs.

Contact your regional health authority

Those interested in opening a licensed child care facility are encouraged to contact their regional health authority Community Care Facility Licensing office prior to making any commitments. Community Care Licensing programs process applications and issue licenses for child care facilities. The office in your region will provide you with an application package and help you get started.

OPENING A LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY IN VICTORIA, BC

How to Get Started

- Victoria falls under jurisdiction of the [Vancouver Island Health Authority](#). Residents of Victoria can contact their regional health authority by phone at 1-877-370-8699 or by email at info@viha.ca.
- For more information on child care licensing, see the [Community Care Facilities Licensing webpage](#).

Ensure employees are qualified

Depending on the type of licensed child care that will be provided at the facility, specific certifications may be required. Providers must ensure that all employees, including themselves, are qualified with the right education, training, and experience.

- Part 3 of the [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#) provides information about manager and employee requirements, qualifications and certificates.

Establish a staffing plan

Once you have established the number of child care spaces that will be offered at the facility, you will need to ensure enough qualified employees are hired.

- Schedule E of the [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#) provides information on group sizes and employee children ratios.

Complete a criminal record check

All persons, including the licensee, must not be employed at the child care facility prior to completing a criminal record check. The licensee and all employees must have a clear criminal record check, good character references, record of work history, copy of certificates and/or diplomas, and evidence that the person has complied with the Province's immunization programs.

- Part 3 of the [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#) provides information on the character and skill requirements of the licensee, manager, and employees.
- For information about the Criminal Records Review Act and how to submit a criminal record check, see [Criminal Record Check BC](#).

Find the right location

The space chosen for the child care facility must meet licensing regulations to ensure the location is suitable for child care and complies with health, safety and building guidelines.

- Part 2 – Division 2 of the [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#) provides information on the physical requirements of the child care facility, including the amount of toilets, wash basins, and usable floor space required per child.

It is recommended that you contact your local government to learn about business licensing, zoning bylaws and fire inspections. You will be required to obtain a business licence and ensure the chosen space is up to code.

- The [Local Government Requirements: A Handbook for Child Care Providers](#) provides additional information on the bylaws that may affect your child care facility plans.

Learn about the funding programs available

As part of the Childcare BC plan, the province is creating thousands of quality, accessible and affordable child care spaces across British Columbia. You may be eligible for provincial funding to support the creation of your new licensed child care facility through one of the following programs:

CHILDCARE BC NEW SPACES FUND

- The [Childcare BC New Spaces Fund](#) is helping to fund the creation of 22,000 licensed child care spaces throughout British Columbia. Funding is available to support the creation, expansion, and relocation of child care facilities proposing to create new licensed child care spaces.
- See the program's [Funding Guidelines](#) for more information on the program, including eligibility criteria, funding amounts, and how to apply. If you wish to apply to the program, ensure you have accessed the [Application Resource](#). This document will provide you with a step-by-step guide on how to complete the [application form](#) and gather the mandatory supporting documentation required to complete your submission for the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund.

Apply for a Community Care Facility Licence

Community Care Facility Licences are issued by your local health authority. While there is no cost to get a licence, there may be costs associated with becoming licensed, such as obtaining criminal record checks, first aid training, obtaining a business licence, and creating a physical space that complies with licensing regulations and bylaws.

To apply, you will be required to provide:

- i. A detailed description of the program to be offered;
- ii. The proposed number of employees, including their qualifications and duties;
- iii. A building and property site plan;
- iv. A building floor plan;
- v. Projected monthly budget; and
- vi. References and criminal record checks of the licensee and all employees.

The application process will also involve:

- i. An inspection of the proposed facility site;
 - ii. A review of the facility's policies and procedures; and
 - iii. An assessment to make sure you will be a good care provider.
- For more information on how to apply for a Community Care Facility licence, including the mandatory supporting documents required, see Part 2 and Schedule 2 of the [Child Care Licensing Regulation](#).
 - Additional information can be found in the [Obtaining a Licence factsheet](#).

Proposed Agenda for CC Meeting

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Hi Amber and Geoff,

Please see attached for a proposed agenda and draft minister speaking bullets for the CC meeting with the Premier and Minister James Jan 27th. Given the meeting is only 30 minutes it's focused on the key decisions needed to move forward.

Could we perhaps meet next Thursday Jan 16th to get your thoughts on the proposed agenda? Paula and I are free anytime except 4-5pm.

Thanks,
Sarena

Sarena Talbot

Senior Ministerial Assistant

The Hon. Katrina Chen

Minister of State for Child Care

Proposed Agenda/Notes for PJH Meeting

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To Be Discussed outside of meeting:

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Attached is an update for our meeting today at 11:30.

Christine Massey, Assistant Deputy Minister
Early Years & Inclusion, Ministry of Children and Family Development
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Childcare BC – Update – January 30, 2020

Highlights since the last report (Jan 8, 2020)

- **Fee Reduction:** Annual renewal has launched.
- **New Spaces:**^{s.12}
- **Prototype Sites:** Considering options for public release of preliminary evaluation report.
- **ELCC:** Extending contracts for initiatives funded under the current agreement (Prototypes, Aboriginal Head Start, Aboriginal & Supported Child Development) while negotiations for a new, enhanced agreement are underway.

Statistics

- **Combined impact of affordability programs**
 - Since launching the new Affordable Child Care Benefit in September 2018, more than 28,800 children have accessed child care for no more than \$10-a-day.
 - In addition, about 3,100 children are receiving care in \$10-a-day prototype sites.
 - These figures include over 12,000 children whose parents have had no-cost child care.
- **Fee Reduction**
 - Renewal for CCOF, the ECE Wage Enhancement and the Child Care Fee Reduction was launched on January 15th, 6 weeks earlier than last year.
 - Adjudication results to date:
 - 448 facilities approved (328 with no fee increase)
- **Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB)**
 - Over 49,000 families (or over 65,000 children) have been approved for ACCB benefit plans.
 - This represents 56% of the expected take-up by year (was 55% in Jan 8th report).

Comparison of ACCB to previous subsidy program, over a one-year period

Program	Period	Families	Children	Expenditures
ACCB	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	45,386	60,063	\$179,639,276
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- **New Spaces**
 - Over 12,872 spaces funded through provincially-funded programs to date (New Spaces Fund, Start-up, and EDUC Neighborhood Learning Centres). Target is 22,000 by March 2021.
 - New program guidelines are under development to ensure that we get as close as possible to the space creation target while still supporting as many non-profit and public sector spaces as possible.
- **Prototype Sites**
 - The Preliminary Report presents baseline data collected through surveys, interviews, and focus groups in the 3-4 months after implementation
 - Preliminary results from the evaluation indicate significant impact on families. For example:
 - 92.5% of families reported having reduced financial stress; 88.7% of families reported decreased amount of stress in their families in general
 - 71% reported improvements in family relationships and connectedness
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Attached please find background for our monthly child care meeting today at 3:15.

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Christine Massey, Assistant Deputy Minister
Early Years & Inclusion, Ministry of Children and Family Development
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Childcare BC – Update – February 26, 2020

Highlights since the last report (Jan 30, 2020)

- **Budget 2020 decisions confirmed:** No child care program changes; stabilize staffing over 2 years
- **New Spaces:** New Funding Guidelines launched
- **ELCC:** Extending contracts for initiatives funded under the current agreement (Prototypes, Aboriginal Head Start, Aboriginal & Supported Child Development) while negotiations for a new, enhanced agreement are underway.

Statistics

- **Combined impact of affordability programs (no change since last report)**
 - Since launching the new Affordable Child Care Benefit in September 2018, more than 28,800 children have accessed child care for no more than \$10-a-day.
 - In addition, about 3,100 children are receiving care in \$10-a-day prototype sites.
 - These figures include over 12,000 children whose parents have had no-cost child care.
- **Fee Reduction**
 - Renewal for CCOF, the ECE Wage Enhancement and the Child Care Fee Reduction was launched on January 15th.
 - 65% of 3,671 organizations have submitted their renewal form
 - Over 1,400 facilities approved for CCFRI
 - 1,148 (50%) facilities approved (or ready for approval) with no fee increase
- **Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB)**
 - Over 49,500 families (or over 66,000 children) have been approved for ACCB
 - This represents 57% of the expected take-up by year (was 56% in Jan 30th report).

Comparison of ACCB to previous subsidy program, over a one-year period

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- **New Spaces**

- New program guidelines released on Feb 10th:
 - Changed from an open application process to two closed application windows for 20/21.
 - Preference for projects under \$40K/space
- Planning milestone announcement of over 13,000 new spaces funded on March 6th.
 - funded through provincially-funded programs, ie: New Spaces Fund, Start-up, and EDUC Neighborhood Learning Centres.
 - Target is 22,000 by March 2021

- **Prototype Sites**

- Contracts being negotiated for one-year extension.
- Preliminary report to be released via FOI.
- One site closed (BrightPath in Coquitlam)

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- **ECE Wage Enhancement**

- Over 11,000 ECEs receiving wage enhancement (1,000 more since last report)
- Second wage enhancement of \$1/hour scheduled for implementation in April 2020.

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Monthly child care program meeting

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Please find attached material for this afternoon's meeting on child care and COVID-19 response.

Christine Massey, Assistant Deputy Minister
Early Years & Inclusion, Ministry of Children and Family Development
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Status - Childcare BC & COVID 19

April 29, 2020

Temporary Emergency Funding

- All licensed group, family and multi-age child care operators that are in receipt of Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) are eligible for Temporary Emergency Funding to keep operations going or to assist in covering fixed costs while closed.
 - Open facilities: 7x base CCOF + CCFRI + ECE Wage Enhancement
 - Closed facilities: 2x base CCOF
- Program was announced on Mar 20th. Child care operators started receiving payments on April 2nd.
- 4,204 (88%) of facilities have signed up for Emergency Funding in April
 - 1,582 (38%) facilities are closed (35,263 spaces)
 - 443 (28%) facilities are private family (3,211 spaces)
 - 495 (31%) facilities are private group (11,857 spaces)
 - 644 (41%) facilities are non-profit group (20,195 spaces)
 - 2,568 (62%) facilities are open (59,749 spaces)
 - 1,028 (38%) facilities are private family (7,450 spaces)
 - 1,196 (47%) facilities are private group (37,891 spaces)
 - 398 (15%) facilities are non-profit group (15,821 spaces)

Affordable Child Care Benefit

- Regulation amended to ensure parents of children who attend child care settings who have lost their jobs or who are following public health officials' direction and keeping their children at home due to COVID-19, do not lose their child care subsidy.

Prioritization of Essential Service Workers

- MCFD launched an online form for essential service workers to identify their need for child care for children up to kindergarten age.
 - Requests are sent to the nearest Child Care Resource and Referral Centre and parents are referred to open child care operators
- Essential service workers with school age children are referred to their regular school principal
 - Some school districts are also providing before and after school care on school grounds, others are partnering with existing child care operators to provide a seamless day

- To date, MCFD received over 790 individual requests for child care for 1,023 children up to kindergarten age.
- City of Vancouver also offers a similar online form for requesting child care, and they have received 898 requests for temporary emergency childcare spaces, so far.

Federal Supports

- CERB – Emergency Funding is not considered income so child care providers can claim CERB if they meet other eligibility criteria.
- Wage subsidy – Could assist open child care facilities with very low enrolments.

Health and Safety

- Safety guidelines for child care operators have been updated twice; another update is anticipated this week.
- 3 conference calls with Dr. Daly, Chief Medical Officer for Vancouver Coastal:
 - Mar 20: child care stakeholder groups (approx. 30-50 participants)
 - Mar 26: child care operators (approx. 900 participants)
 - Apr 29: child care operators and staff

New Spaces

- Spaces funded to date: 16,816 (across all provincial space creation programs) towards three-year 22,000 space target.
- There are two application windows in 2020/21, with the first closing on May 11th. A decision is pending about whether to make any changes in light of the impact of COVID-19.

Other Issues

- **Supplies:** Child care operators have reported difficulty in obtaining necessary cleaning supplies. MCFD delivered hand sanitizer to 65 of the largest child care operators across the province and has now identified vendors that can directly supply child care operators.
- **ECE Practicum Students:** ECE Registry is working with individual post-secondary institutions to adapt practicum requirements so that students may still progress and/or graduate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **ECE Certification:** ECEs are required to renew their certification every 5 years and to demonstrate required pro-D and work experience. Since pro-D activities and work have been interrupted by COVID-19, an OIC will be submitted to Cabinet to extend the certificates for those ECEs with expiry dates this year.
- **Liability Insurance:** PSSG order on liability insurance responded to concerns from child care operators. Business continuity insurance remains a concern for some closed child care operators.
- **Inclusion Fund:** A temporary fund will be available to child care operators during COVID-19 to help child care operators accept children of essential workers with extra support needs. Fund to be launched shortly. Funding comes from the existing Maintenance Fund.
- **Stakeholder communications:** Four telephone townhalls were held for child care operators to learn about new emergency funding. A new dedicated website for COVID related updated for child care. Newsletter launching this week.

COVID Recovery Planning

- Part of broader social sector recovery planning
- Working with EDUC to ensure alignment
- Key issues will be:
 - When does prioritization of essential workers end and regular parents can have their child care spaces back?
 - When will Temporary Emergency Funding end for open and closed providers?

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Hello,

Please find attached materials for today's 3:30pm meeting.
Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Jana Sexton

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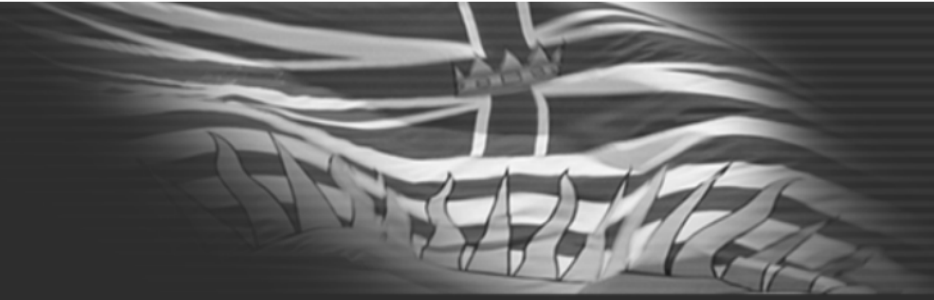


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Sheena please see notes on federal funding agreement on childcare, for discussion. The funding end March 31 and they haven't asked us to the table. We need to elevate please. Thanks. Amber

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