


CHILD CARE COALITION OF MANITOBA


A Year in Review: 2015

Presented to the AGM
March 15, 2016 • Winnipeg



Agenda

- About us
- Our work over 2015
- USB student activism
- New political developments
 - Manitoba Commission
 - Federal Consultation
- Planning for 2016
- **Reminder!** Election Forum tomorrow night



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invites you to a

Provincial Election Candidates Forum on Early Learning and Child Care

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 • 7:00 PM
Salle Marial Caron Theatre
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(Auineau Street entrance)

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CHILD CARE COALITION OF MANITOBA

Mandate: fully accessible, publicly-funded, non-profit system of comprehensive and high quality childcare, with worthy wages and good working conditions for childcare staff


Voluntary organization with over 60 group members
Established 1994. Incorporated in 2007.


www.childcaremanitoba.ca



CCCM 2015 Highlights


- Participated on the Advisory Council of the Child Care and Early Learning Commission
- Member of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada
- Make History Poverty partner
- Public education and outreach







2015 Federal Election

- Supported the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada's 'Vote Childcare' Campaign
- Organized a petition drive
- Hosted "Grandparents' Day"
– Great media coverage!









Provincial Highlight


- In Throne Speech (November 16), the Selinger government announced its commitment to 12,000 new spaces.






Université de Saint-Boniface

Campaign for a campus childcare centre and ECEC lab school.



Commission: New Childcare Policy

- Release of the report of the Child Care and Early Learning Commission



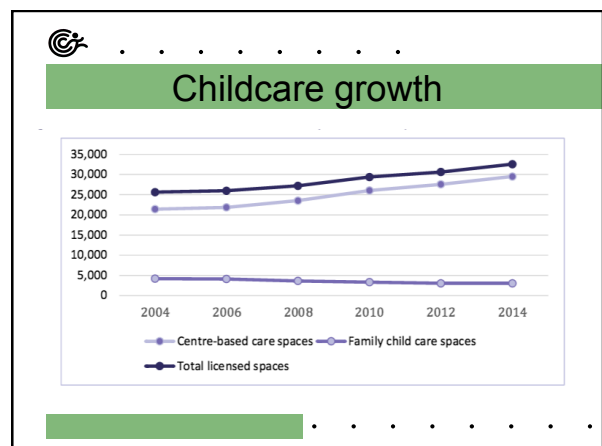
The screenshot shows the website's 'What's new' section with three articles: 'Manitoba Election Forum on ELCC - March 16th, 7pm', 'Manitoba Releases ELCC Commission Report!', and 'Manitobans are urged to "Vote Childcare"'. The second article is highlighted, showing the headline: 'The province's **first ever** **publicly funded** **universal** **and high quality** **care** **and education** **program** **will** **provide** **affordable** **and** **high quality** **care** **and** **education** **for** **all** **children** **in** **Manitoba**.' and the sub-headline: 'The report is based on the Manitoba Child Care and Early Learning Commission's report, "A Vision for the Future: A Plan for the Future of Child Care and Early Learning in Manitoba".'.


Commission

- Kathleen Flanagan and Jane Beach released their report January 12, 2016.
- Worked with Advisory Council over 2015
- Report contains important information and analysis.
- Recommendations

New Realities

- 40% of names on the central registry are for infant spaces, which represent only 10% of the province's total spaces
- 1 in 4 children are not ready for kindergarten, but 1 in 2 Aboriginal children are not
- Affordability not as good as it seems.






Principles & Recommendations

- “Proportionate universality”
 - Programs, services, and policies that are universal but with a scale and intensity that is proportionate to the level of disadvantage.” (p. 9)
- “The concept of universal access to early learning and child care implies an aspect of **public management**, as reliance on the private sector does not ensure an agreed-upon level of coverage” (p. 13)


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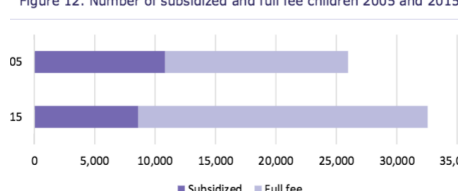
- **Affordability:** If parents are not able to afford the spaces available to them, the system is not effective.
- **Accessibility:** If parents can afford the spaces – but there are no spaces available – the system is not efficient.
- **Quality:** An affordable and accessible system of early learning and child care that does not provide high quality early learning experiences for children is not in the best interests of the child.

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Childcare Subsidy


Figure 12. Number of subsidized and full fee children 2005 and 2015



| Year | Subsidized | Full fee |
|------|------------|----------|
| 2005 | ~10,000 | ~25,000 |
| 2015 | ~10,000 | ~23,000 |

In 2015, 26% of children in childcare were receiving a subsidy, compared to 42% in 2005

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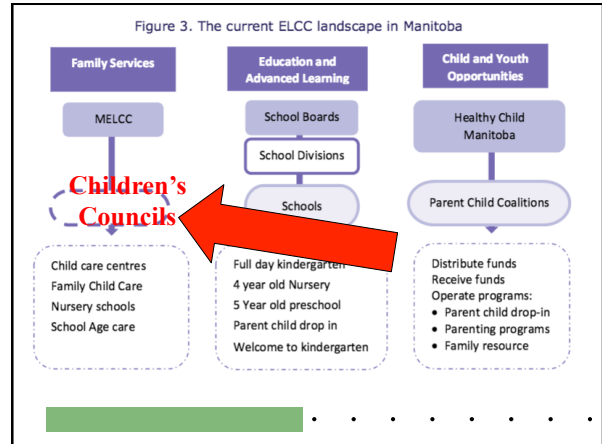
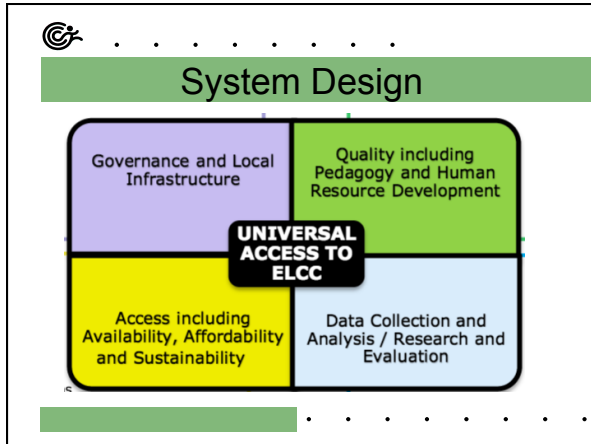
How many new spaces?

- 12,000 is target – is approximately the number on the Central Registry.

The Child Care Coalition of Manitoba target
The Child Care Coalition of Manitoba has a position that there should be enough child care spaces for 50% of all children, regardless of the labour force participation of their mothers. Under that scenario, there would need to be:

- 44,700 spaces for children 0-5 years, an increase of 22,922 spaces
- 59,650 spaces for children 6-12, an increase of 38,873 spaces.

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New Infrastructure

- Development of regional “Children’s Councils”, with a mandate for
 - Expansion and development
 - Maintain data
 - Support licensed ELCC programs
 - Incorporate Parent Child Coalitions

Public Management

PROPOSED: CAPITAL EXPANSION

Responsibility for planning and development will transition over time to the Children’s Council. Where necessary or desirable the Council may hold the licence for a new program.




Capital Spending

Table 5. Major capital development: spaces created and average development costs to March 31, 2014⁷


| Location | | Approved projects | Anticipated spaces | Total provincial commitment | Average development cost per space |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| School-based | Surplus space development | 28 | 581 | \$7,890,000 | \$13,580 |
| | Stand alone new construction | 8 | 408 | \$15,068,673 | \$36,933 |
| Community-based | All projects | 71 | 2,336 | \$14,232,700 | \$6,093 ⁸ |
| Total | | 107 | 3,325 | \$37,191,373 | |

Capital under-spending means community groups must fund approx 75% of the cost of new construction




School-age childcare

- Responsibility to transition to school boards
 - As also recommended in 2005 review.
 - Will begin with a pilot project with three school boards:



Fees

- "Families in Manitoba with annual incomes below \$80,000 pay considerably more for child care than subsidized parents in Ontario" (p. 47)
- "The Commission proposes replacing the current CAP-based subsidy system with a sliding scale based on parents' net income as indicated on their tax assessments." (p. 48)
- **Recommendation:** fees for families at the median household income should be approximately 10% of net family income, and less for families with incomes below the median.



Workforce & Quality

- Increase "size and capacity" of workforce
 - Redesign credentials
 - Post-secondary changes
 - Eliminate ECE requirement for school-age
- Implement an indexed wage scale
 - "Parity with average wages for Education Assistants working in public schools with comparable educational qualifications and responsibility"

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Data Analysis, Research, Evaluation

- Better administrative systems
- Involvement of Healthy Child Manitoba
- Drew on 2013 Auditor General report.

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Big Picture Summary

- Children's Councils & Public Management
- New fee (and subsidy) structure
- School-age childcare to school boards
- Wage Scale
- 12,000 new spaces

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Federal Government


- Liberals promised a \$20 billion, ten year 'social infrastructure' fund:
 - "A new, dedicated funding envelope for social infrastructure. We will prioritize investment in affordable housing and seniors facilities, **early learning and child care**, and cultural or recreational infrastructure. Our plan will renew federal leadership in affordable housing, help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities. **We will also fund the creation of thousands of new child care spaces, enhance their quality, and ensure that affordable child care spaces are available to more families who need them"**

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Trudeau & 100 days

- Within the first 100 days, Trudeau promised to begin childcare consultations




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Childcare Consultation



Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development



Hon. Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

Duclos: Childcare

"Work with the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs to launch consultations with provinces and territories and Indigenous Peoples on a National Early Learning and Childcare Framework as a first step towards delivering affordable, high-quality, flexible and fully inclusive child care."

Sheila Murdock




Early Learning Literacy Facilitator



Manitoba?

- CCCM is reaching out to Aboriginal organizations
- Looking to build alliances with Indigenous organizations for the childcare consultation and beyond.



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CCCM 2015 Financial Report

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Warm thanks to
CFS-MB and CUPE-MB

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT (unaudited)
Jan. 01/15 – Dec. 31/15

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|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Opening Balance (01/01/15) | \$9,218.60 | |
| Checking account | \$0.00 | |
| Savings account | \$9,218.60 | |
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| Revenue | | \$1,523.99 |
| Bank Interest | 42.45 | |
| Donation – Students Fed | 250.00 | |
| – MB Labour Council | 50.00 | |
| – MB Federation of Labour | 200.00 | |
| – Private Member | 50.00 | |
| Reimbursement – CCAAC | 931.54 | |
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| Expenses | | \$2,106.04 |
| Web Site | 420.00 | |
| Food | 908.97 | |
| Room & Equipment Rental | 302.07 | |
| Fees | 25.00 | |
| Honorariums | 350.00 | |
| 'Make Poverty History' Donation | 100.00 | |
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| Closing Balance (12/31/15) | | \$8,636.55 |
| Checking account | 863.54 | |
| Savings account | \$7,773.01 | |

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What's ahead?

Planning for 2016

- How to implement the Commission's recommendations?
- Your ideas?
- Thoughts? Concerns? Questions?

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