


CHILD CARE COALITION OF MANITOBA

Childcare Now

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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 2007

www.childcaremanitoba.ca





2004 2007



Economic Benefits

Competitive input-output multipliers

- Every \$1 spent on childcare generates \$1.58 worth of economic activity

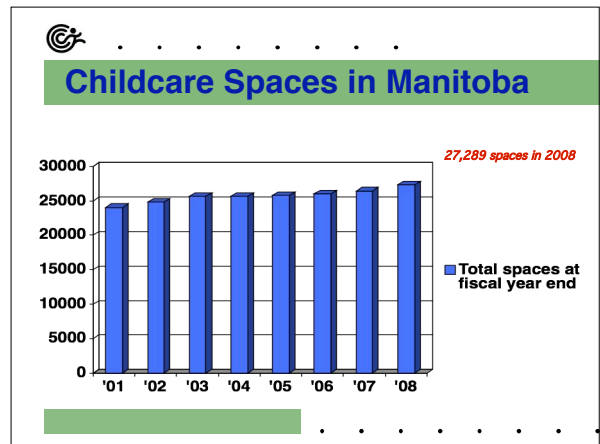
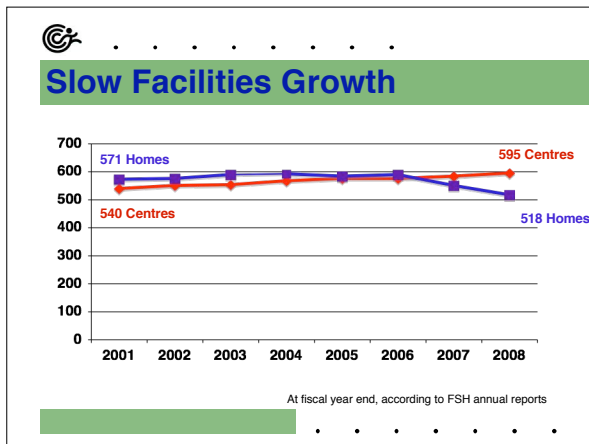
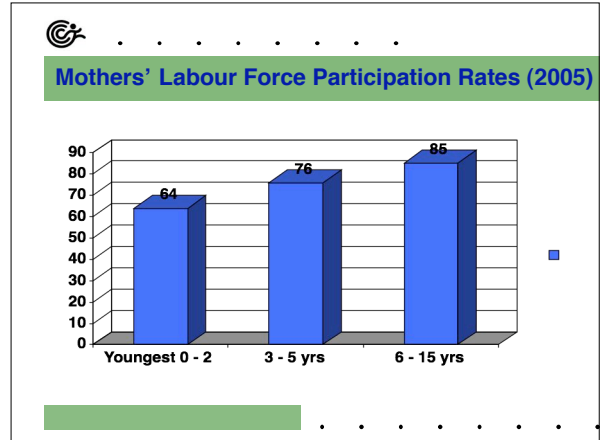
Strong employment multipliers


- Local job creation
- Every 2 f/t childcare jobs support 1 FTE

Supports parent earnings

Service Access

- Manitoba has 179,300 children aged 0 - 12 years (2005)
- Manitoba has 27,289 licensed full and part-time spaces
 - Access for 15.2 percent of MB children; or, about 1 in 7
- Demand exceeds supply**
 - Example: Portage la Prairie has 332 licensed spaces and over 300 names on waiting lists






Expensive

Infants	\$28/day	=	\$7,280/yr
Preschool	\$18.80/day	=	\$4,888/yr
School-age	varies	=	\$2,835 - \$3,140/yr

- Facilities are mal-distributed spatially
- Different service access by age group
- Rural, northern, franco-manitoban, special needs under-developed

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Development & Financing


Startup

- Voluntary sector initiation and start-up
 - 95 percent of MB centres are not-for-profit
- Voluntary sector begins capital search

Operations

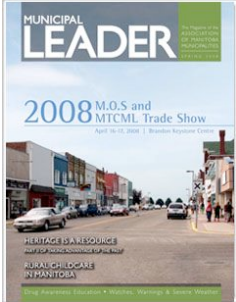
- User-fee financing, supplemented with provincial unit funding and fee subsidies (to non-profits only)
- Stand-alone operations, no intermediary scale

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Rural and northern communities need childcare

AMM Policy 1607: "Childcare is rural infrastructure"



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Key Barriers

- Insufficient public & private investment
 - Costs primarily carried by parent-users rather than all beneficiaries
- Lack of capital and start-up dollars
- Over-reliance on volunteers
- Little technical assistance
- Insufficient pool of trained educators; high turnover, low wages

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