



Childcare BC

Next Steps in Moving towards a Universal System

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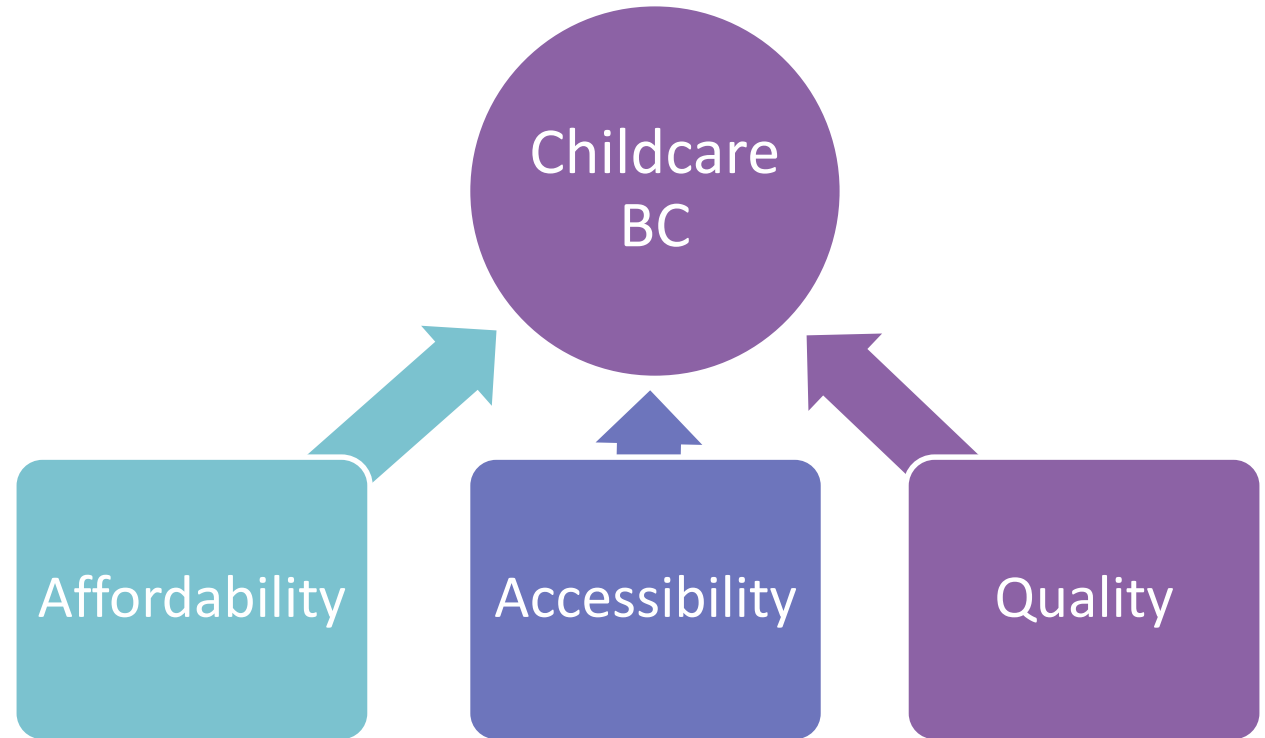
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10-year vision: Affordable, accessible, quality child care available to every family that wants or needs it

Three pillars:

- **Affordability**
- **Accessibility**
- **Quality**



Affordability

Childcare BC:

- Affordable Child Care Benefit
- Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative
- Universal Prototype Sites

Other:

- B.C. Child Opportunity Benefit
- TogetherBC Poverty Reduction Strategy

Quality

Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy

- Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement
 - \$1/hr lift for early childhood educators
 - Additional \$1/hr lift coming April 2020
- Professional development and training
- Bursaries and expanding post-secondary seats

Accessibility

- **New Spaces Fund & Start-up Grants**
 - Over 4,300 spaces funded
- **Maintenance Fund**
 - \$2.2M for over 700 providers
- **Community Care Space and Planning Grants (UCBM) – *results announced***
 - *Stay tuned for future opportunities to apply*

Other Accessibility Initiatives

- **Aboriginal Head Start Program, on and off-reserve***
 - \$30M over three years
- **Supported Child Development, including Aboriginal services***
 - \$30M over three years
- **Young Parent Program***
 - \$3M over three years

**federally funded*

Childcare BC New Spaces Fund

- Up to \$1 million per facility for public-sector applicants
- No matching funds required from local governments, school districts or First Nations
- Continuously open application period

Childcare BC New Spaces Fund

Priorities:

- Infant/Toddler child care spaces
- Spaces created by public-sector organizations through direct delivery or in partnership with a non-profit child care provider
- Spaces created on school grounds, including K-12 and post-secondary
- Spaces serving vulnerable populations, children requiring extra support, Indigenous communities, newly landed immigrants or refugees, or young parents
- Spaces offered outside of core business hours

Blueberry Creek Community School

School District 20 – Kootenay Columbia

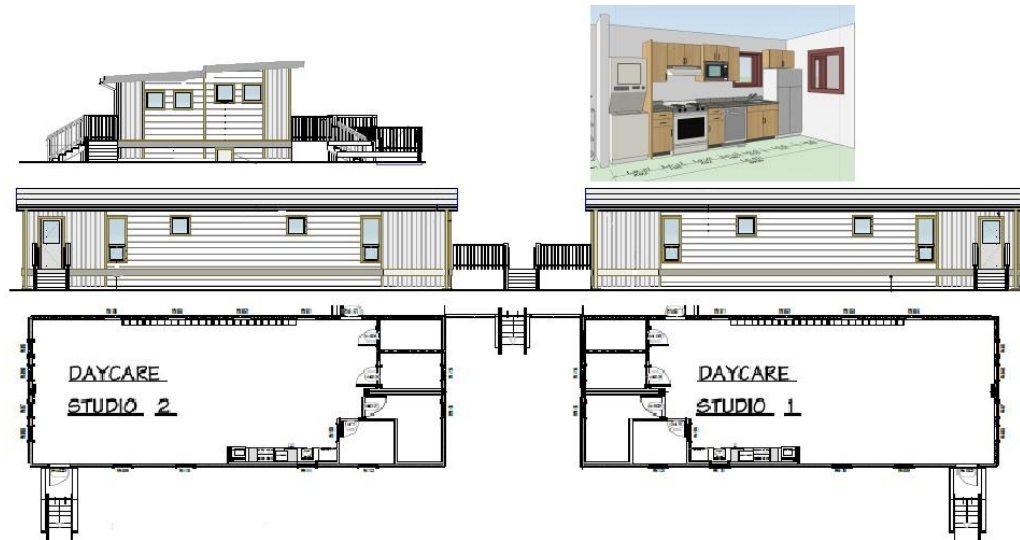
- Received \$109,647
- Created 12 Infant/Toddler spaces



Elementary School Co-locations

School District 61 – Greater Victoria

- Received \$4.6 million
- 439 new licensed child care spaces



Next steps

- Review New Spaces Fund guidelines
- Identify opportunities and partners
- Check with the Local Health Authority
- Engage with your community
- Questions? Call 1-888-338-6622 – option 5
- Review your application
- Submit your application (no deadline)



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