








Ontario Votes 2018: Where the Parties Stand on Child Care

				
<p>Develop a universally accessible system of high quality child care</p>	<p>Free daycare for working parents with children under the age of three.</p>	<p>Advance the goal of universal accessibility.</p>	<p>Make sure every family can access affordable, high quality, not-for-profit child care.</p>	<p>No plan for child care services; instead, a tax rebate for some expenditures on child care.</p>
	<p><i>More accessible but not universal</i></p>	<p><i>On the road toward universality</i></p>	<p><i>On the road toward universality</i></p>	<p><i>Not universal</i></p>
<p>Spending</p>	<p>Not specified</p>	<p>\$2.2 B over 2 years + on-going \$1.6 B</p>	<p>\$11.4 B over 5 years</p>	<p>\$389 M / year</p>
<p>Low fees or no fees for every family – address affordability by providing funds to child care programs instead of individuals</p>	<p>Free daycare for working parents with children under age three and support for stay-at-home parents.</p>	<p>Free licensed child care for all preschool aged children (2.5 – 4 yrs old). Funding to reduce fees and increase subsidies for infants and toddlers.</p>	<p>Free public, non-profit child care for households with income under \$40,000. Others pay based on incomes —average est. at \$12 per day.</p>	<p>A child care tax rebate that will pay up to 75% of child care expenses – up to \$6,750/child - for parents of children under 15 years of age.</p>
	<p><i>Low fees or no fees</i></p>	<p><i>Low fees or no fees</i></p>	<p><i>Low fees or no fees</i></p>	<p><i>Does nothing to lower the high cost of child care</i></p>
<p>Decent Work & Professional Pay for Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECE)</p>	<p>Additional ECE supports.</p>	<p>Implement a wage grid for RECEs and staff to align with RECEs working in Full-Day Kindergarten(FDK).</p>	<p>Immediately begin increasing wages for RECEs to \$25/hour.</p>	<p>Not Mentioned</p>
	<p><i>Additional supports not specified</i></p>	<p><i>Increasing wages for RECEs will attract qualified educators</i></p>	<p><i>Increasing wages for RECEs will attract qualified educators</i></p>	<p><i>Does nothing to attract qualified educators</i></p>
<p>Limit Expansion to Public & Non-Profit Child Care programs</p>	<p>Provide incentives to offset the capital costs for businesses to set up onsite child care.</p>	<p>Building 45,000 spaces in schools and community spaces + 14,000 new spaces in non-profit sector.</p>	<p>Expand the number of non-profit, spaces in Ontario by 202,000 – including Lab Schools at Ontario Colleges.</p>	<p>Not Mentioned</p>
	<p><i>Limited details for expansion plan</i></p>	<p><i>Non-profit and public expansion</i></p>	<p><i>Non-profit and public expansion</i></p>	<p><i>No plan for expansion</i></p>



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Commitment to work with First Nation, Métis, Inuit and urban Indigenous peoples to strengthen and expand child care	Not Mentioned	Provide First Nations communities with operating funds for new and existing child care programs on reserve; capital funding to create 4,500 new spaces. Support Métis, Inuit & urban Indigenous organizations with funds for new spaces and programming.	Work with experts, advocates, and First Nations leaders to identify the supports Indigenous children need to thrive including access to culturally appropriate child care for First Nation, Métis, Inuit, and urban Indigenous communities.	Not Mentioned
	<i>No plan to support Indigenous early childhood education</i>	<i>Steps toward Reconciliation</i>	<i>Steps toward Reconciliation</i>	<i>No plan to support Indigenous early childhood education</i>
Commitment to improve and expand access to child care for children with special needs	Not Mentioned	Continue to work with stakeholders to support inclusion of children with special needs in early years and child care settings.	Expansion includes spaces for children with special needs, the right resources and specialized training for educators.	Not Mentioned
	<i>No plan for child care inclusion</i>	<i>Steps towards inclusion</i>	<i>Steps towards inclusion</i>	<i>No plan for child care inclusion</i>
Commitment to review and improve Full Day Kindergarten	Not Mentioned	Continuing efforts to improve communication and collaboration among educators.	Will enforce class size caps on every kindergarten classroom	Not Mentioned
	<i>No plan to improve FDK</i>	<i>Some efforts to improve FDK</i>	<i>Improvements to FDK class size</i>	<i>No plan to improve FDK</i>

All information presented has been garnered from party platforms, websites and communications with election teams of the political parties.

Ontario Green Party:

<https://gpo.ca/vision/people/#1521514742535-df3e310b-61ed>

Ontario Liberal Party:

<http://budget.ontario.ca/2018/chapter-1.html#s-13>

Ontario New Democratic Party:

<https://www.ontariondp.ca/platform>

Ontario Progressive Conservative Party:

https://www.ontariopc.ca/doug_ford_s_plan_for_the_people_will_put_more_money_in_the_pockets_of_ontario_parents

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4174635/doug-ford-announces-tax-rebate-child-care-ontario/>