



2012 Provincial Budget: Child Care is in Crisis

Take Action: Get your centre profiled!

2012 is a crisis point for child care. Without funding in the 2012 Provincial budget fees will increase and many centres will have to close.

There's strength in numbers and the child care community is coming together to save child care.

The Ontario Coalition's website www.4outof5.ca profiles centres around the province and highlights both the important role they play in their communities and the struggles they face due to chronic underfunding and reliance on ever-increasing parent fees. With your help we would like to profile your centre.

Please fill out and give back or fax to 416-538-6737 Questions? Contact Katie@childcareontario.org

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of centre: _____

Year program opened: _____ Number of licensed spaces: _____

Number of staff: _____ Vacancies: _____

Waiting list : _____

The following questions are intended to help us form the rest of the profile.

Every child care centre plays an integral role in their community. Tell us about your program and its connection with the surrounding community. (eg. Special program, new Canadians, community events, etc.)

What else should we know about your program? (Awards, success stories, innovative curriculum/programming, etc.)



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Has full day kindergarten been implemented in your surrounding community yet? If so, what impacts have there been on your program? (ex. Staffing shortages/loss of staff to school boards, loss of space in school, decreased enrollment, increased fees to account for loss of 4 and 5 year-olds, etc.)

As you know the problems in child care were around long before the implementation of full day kindergarten. What issues is your centre facing currently?

- Staffing shortages
- Staff retention (wages/benefits)
- Decreased enrollment (vacancies)
- Insufficient funding
- Loss of subsidies
- Increasing parent fees
- Other:

Please explain (briefly).

What barriers (if any) are there to your program transitioning/expanding to care for (more) infants and toddlers? (eg. Capital to renovate/re-stock rooms, staff, fees would be too high for community to afford, etc.)

Quote(s) from staff / Personal statement:

**Ontario's Child Care Community is coming together!
Join the campaign: Let's make 2012 the year we saved child care!**

Materials and Information: www.4outof5.ca
Send a message to your MPP: www.waitingforchildcare.ca