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New Provincial Child Care Spending – What Does it Mean?

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The child care sector is eager to see the BC government’s recent announcement of \$1 billion in new funding over 3 years lead to substantial progress towards a high quality, universal child care system for BC children and families.

The Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership is pleased to be bringing Lynell Anderson, CPA, CGA to Kelowna this week. Lynell works with the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC as the Researcher on the Community \$10aDay Child Care Plan.

“We are interested in sharing this new information provided by the BC budget announcement to our community and work together to understanding the similarities and differences between what has been proposed and what is being rolled out across the province,” states Amanda Turner, Early Years Community Developer in the Central Okanagan.

Lynell Anderson reports that the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC “commends the new BC government’s investment in child care, along with its bold strategy to reduce parent fees, create 24,000 licensed spaces and develop the Early Childhood Educator workforce, as recommended in the Community \$10aDay Child Care Plan. At the same time, we urge government to ensure that their workforce development strategy prioritizes prompt investment in improved wages for Early Childhood Educators.”

Lynell will be in Kelowna on Tuesday from 3:30-5:00pm at the Kelowna Child Care Society sharing an analysis of the provincial budget, in relation to the Community \$10aDay Plan, and discussing what action is needed next to ensure that government’s promise of high quality, universal child care is realized.

Melissa Hunt, Executive Director of the Kelowna Child Care Society said, “As the local first point of contact for child care providers in our community we are working together with the Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership to ensure our community is ready for the changes introduced by the BC budget.”

This largest child care investment in BC’s history intends to be the beginning of a universal child care system that is poised to make a difference in the lives of children, families, communities, and employers.

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About the \$10aDay Plan

The Community \$10aDay Child Care Plan is a “made in BC” strategy that was developed as a response to the crisis families in BC are facing in accessing quality, affordable child care. The \$10aDay Plan is built on the pillars of Accessibility, Affordability, and Quality Care in order to benefit children, parents, employers, community, and the economy. Learn more at www.10aday.ca

About the Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership

The Central Okanagan Early Years Partnership is built on the knowledge that early child development sets the foundation for young children to grow to their fullest potential. We work to build a coordinated, effective, and inclusive community-driven system for the early years. Our vision is that “The Central Okanagan is the best community possible for all young children and their families.” Learn more at www.coeyep.ca

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