

# 2022 PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Despite the recent signing of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) agreement, child care remains a critical ballot box issue.

Current commitments to increase the number of child care spaces and decrease fees for families will depend on a robust and growing ECEC workforce.

The reality is a workforce in crisis, with all time high levels of burnout and attrition. The investments promised by the current Ontario government under the CWELCC are insufficient at best and will only further compound recruitment and retention challenges in the sector.

## SUPPORTING EARLY YEARS PROFESSIONALS SUPPORTS CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Where does each party stand on child care?

 **NDP**

Led By: Andrea Horwath

- Increase RECE standard wages to a minimum of \$25/hr
- Standard wages for all other child care program staff set to a minimum of \$20/hr
- Creating and implementing a workforce strategy
- Provide stable base funding for licensed home child care providers and agencies
- Hire 20,000 teachers and education workers



Led By: Steven Del Duca



- Ensure the economic dignity of workers with enhanced pay and benefits to align with full-day kindergarten classrooms.
- Implement a wage grid that would range from \$23-40/hr for ECEs/program staff.
- Provide free tuition for ECE programs at Ontario's colleges.
- Hire 30,000 new Early Childhood Educators and other childcare centre staff.



Led By: Doug Ford

While there is no mention of child care in the official party platform, the recently signed CWELCC agreement indicates;

- Introduce a wage floor for RECE program staff and RECE Supervisors of \$18/hr and \$20/hr respectively with a \$1/hr wage increase each year from 2023 to 2026 up to a maximum of \$25/hr.
- Increase the percentage of qualified child care staff to at least 60% by fiscal year 2025 to 2026.



Led By: Mike Schreiner

- No acknowledgement of the early years sector at this point in time



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