

END CHILD POVERTY AND SUPPORT CHILD CARE

CHILD POVERTY

- 18.2% of children under the age of 18 and 19.2% of children under the age of 6 live in poverty.
- The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) does not extend to people with precarious immigration status or refugees.
- Even if people are legally working and filing income taxes in Canada and even if their children are born in Canada, they may not have access to the CCB.
- This discriminates against low-income and marginalized families and children.

No child should live in poverty especially when there are benefits available that can help!

CHILD CARE

- In some cities in Ontario, 65%-95% of children do not have access to care because of “child care deserts.”
- Median toddler fees in Ontario range from \$868 to over \$1578 per month.
- Child care workers face lower wages, high rates of job-related stress, and lack of benefits and job protection.
- Women have dropped out of the workforce at 10 times the rate of men during the COVID-19 pandemic. Young, racialized, and immigrant women have been hit the hardest because of a lack of child care and because more women work in sectors where work cannot be done remotely.
- Budget 2021 announced \$30 billion for child care to be negotiated with the provinces. Ontario has yet to sign on.

Children and women workers need child care now more than ever!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Ask candidates if they will extend the CCB to everyone who files income tax in Canada, regardless of their immigration status.

Ask candidates how they will commit to building public, affordable, accessible and high-quality child care.