

## SECTION 1

# Reduce Parent Fees by an Average of 50% by December 2022



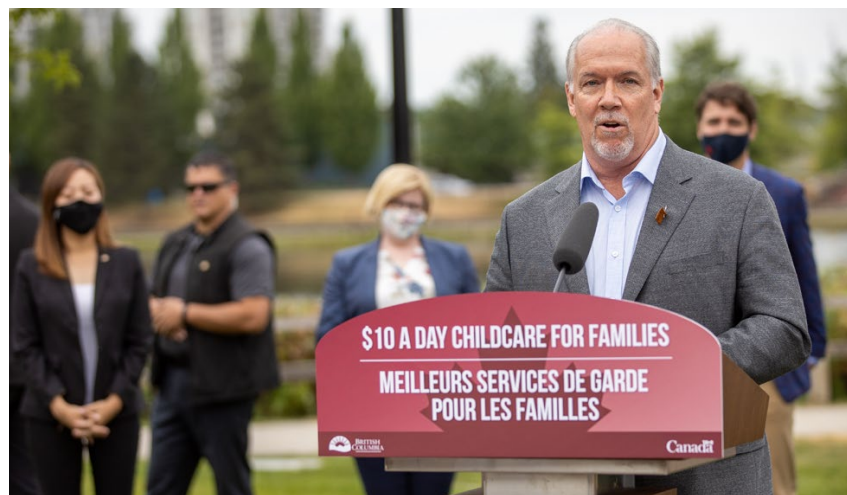
In 2011, the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC created the *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning*, popularly known and widely supported as the \$10aDay Plan. Ten years later we released our Roadmap; a framework detailing the next steps of \$10aDay implementation.

Now, with significant new \$10aDay child care commitments from the provincial and federal governments, we have updated the Roadmap and made it more accessible through individual, policy focused sections. This section details how government can deliver on its commitment to reduce parent fees by an average of 50% by December 2022.

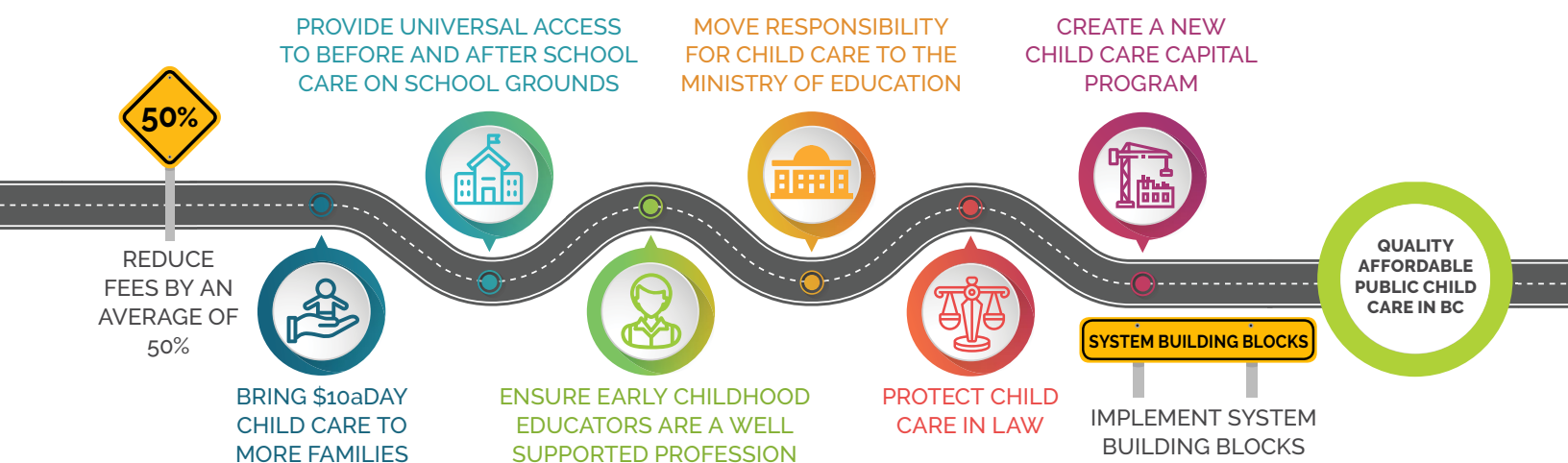
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**UNDER THE NEW** bilateral agreement that BC signed with the federal government in July 2021, the province promised to reduce average parent fees for regulated and funded child care for children aged 0–5 by 50 per cent, resulting in average parent fees of \$21/day by December 2022. The BC government has also committed to bring fees down to an average of \$10aDay by 2026 — so it is essential that the approach used to meet the first target helps move child care toward the \$10aDay system.

As outlined in the bilateral agreement, BC will use the existing Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) to achieve this goal. Using this existing funding program enables families in participating programs to receive an equitable reduction in their fees in a timely way. It also provides a critical opportunity for government to phase in the increased accountability measures required to achieve the \$10aDay public system they have committed to, with a funding program child care operators are familiar with.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau looks on as Premier John Horgan speaks to the historic bilateral Early Learning and Child Care Agreement that BC signed with the federal government in July 2021. PHOTO: JULY 8, 2021 / PROVINCE OF BC



The Roadmap providing a level of policy detail required to create a quality system for BC. Download it at [10aday.ca/roadmap](https://10aday.ca/roadmap)

## Use the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

Government should provide increased funds to eligible programs through the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative. Based on data in the bilateral agreement, this will result in an average fee of \$21/day in funded programs by December 2022.

## Eligibility and Accountability for Increased CCFRI Funds

All existing licensed child care programs<sup>1</sup> that have participated in and met accountability requirements for the Child Care Operating Fund (CCOF), Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, and Wage Enhancement (WE) program for at least two years would be eligible to receive increased CCFRI funding if they agree to:

- Cap parent fees at current levels (with annual cost of living increases in operating costs provided through CCOF/CCFRI);
- Qualified early childhood educators must receive the full benefit of the wage enhancement (\$4/hour by April 2022);
- Publicly post parent fees and ECE wages online and provide up-to-date fee and wage information to child care resource and referral programs;
- Submit full financial records to government;
- Commit to no extra fees for optional, exclusionary services;
- Include children with extra support needs (with funding and support from Supported Child Development);
- Welcome all families and children including families receiving the Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB); and
- Have no significant unresolved licensing citations.

<sup>1</sup> Programs that open without public capital funds and/or outside of a community plan, after a provincially established cut-off date, would not be guaranteed access to new operating funds.

## TIMELINE for reducing parent fees

### PHASE 1 (January to December 2022)

- Increase funding through CCFRI to existing programs willing to meet the new accountability measures to enable them to reduce fees by an average of 50 per cent. The fee reduction could start effective April 2022 and must be fully in place across the province for all eligible programs by December 2022. New eligible programs that open during Phase 1 could also receive increased CCFRI funding.
- Existing licensed programs that choose not to meet these new accountability measures for the 50 per cent average fee reduction could continue to receive their 2021 level of operating funds (CCOF, CCFRI, WE), and families in these programs would remain eligible for the ACCB.

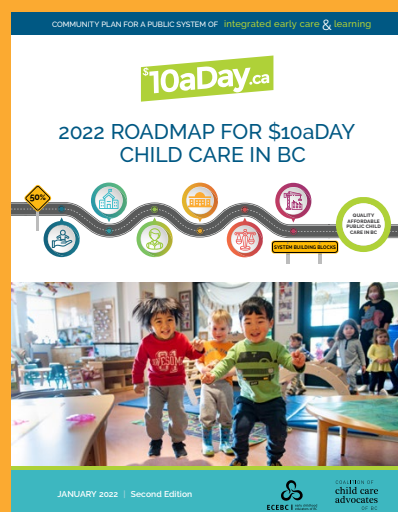
Over time these operating funds could be adjusted for inflation. These programs would continue to have the opportunity to opt in to the new system at a later date.



Download the full timeline for the Roadmap at [10aday.ca/roadmap](https://10aday.ca/roadmap)

### PHASE 2 (January 2023 to March 2026)

- Programs continue to receive the funds they received during Phase 1 until they transition into \$10aDay programs, with a cap on fees offset by public funding to cover cost of living increases in annual operating costs. ■



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