

## \$10aDay Supporter Survey

### Why Do We Ask Certain Questions?

Now more than ever, we need your help to keep the government on the right track by ensuring our advocacy is informed by the diverse perspectives of BC children, families and educators, including those who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+ and persons with disabilities.

#### Why do you want to know about my household's financial means?

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted that child care is an essential service. Many families have recently lost their jobs and income. To return to work, they need access to affordable child care that includes non-traditional hours of care for shift/part-time workers. Public funding is also necessary to compensate early childhood educators fairly. A sustainable economic recovery relies on BC families and educators being able to regain their earning power, rebuild confidence in their future and spend money in their local economy.

#### Why do you want to know where I live?

We want to ensure that our advocacy is informed by child care issues in your community. Your postal code includes six alphanumeric characters (a combination of six letters and numbers). While the first character represents the province or territory in which you live, the second set of characters identifies whether you live in an urban, rural, or remote area. It also indicates your provincial riding and Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) as well as your federal riding and Member of Parliament (MP).

#### Why do you want to know if I am Indigenous, Black or a Person of Colour?

We stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples, Black peoples, and People of Colour. Our goal of a child care system that reflects, respects and honours, Indigenous peoples, Black peoples and People of Colour cannot be achieved without dismantling the systems of privilege and power that exist within our organization and our society. We are committed to upending the status quo by centering anti-oppression, including anti-racism, in our advocacy and in our work in and with communities.

We support First Nations, Métis and Inuit rights in Indigenous-led child care and urge governments to respond to the *Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission* and to fully implement the *BC Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities must be supported to design, deliver and govern child care systems and services that meet their needs and aspirations for self-determination.

In addition, we recognize the diversity of Black peoples in BC who share a common history and legacy of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. The resulting systemic inequities reflect the ongoing impacts of colonialism, slavery, and anti-Black racism. Accordingly, we also acknowledge race is a social construct that is used to discriminate against people based on their ancestry or physical traits such as skin colour and, therefore, people of colour represent historically underserved and underrepresented groups.

### **Why do you want how I define my sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression?**

We stand in solidarity with people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. The BC Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protect a person's right to define one's sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We affirm a person's right to self-identity and want to ensure that our advocacy is informed by those who identify across the gender spectrum and/or as 2SLGBTQIA+.

### **Why do you want to know if me and/or my child(ren) are living with disabilities?**

We stand in solidarity with people living with disabilities. Persons with disabilities are more likely to experience adverse socioeconomic outcomes such as less education, poorer health outcomes, lower levels of employment, and higher poverty rates. Support for inclusion of BC children and families with varying abilities is currently, and has historically, been underfunded in BC and across Canada. We want to ensure the priorities of persons with disabilities are included in child care advocacy.

Please contact us at [info@cccabc.bc.ca](mailto:info@cccabc.bc.ca) should you have questions or comments about our survey.