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PUT CHILDREN FIRST AND INCREASE INVESTMENT IN EARLY LEARNING, SAY MUMS AND DADS

Parents in New South Wales are calling on both the Coalition and Labor to commit to dramatically increase investment in early learning in NSW.

The Parenthood this week launched a new campaign to seek the commitments ahead of the NSW Election in late March.

“Currently, children and families in NSW contend with the lowest levels of early learning investment per capita in Australia,” The Parenthood’s Executive Director Alys Gagnon said.

“This puts NSW children behind their friends in every other state and territory, and we believe this must change.

“Experts overwhelmingly agree that the early years are critical in the development of children’s cognitive, social and learning skills.

“Investing in high quality, play-based learning during those years has a long-lasting impact on both the child and the community.

“For the child, she will be more likely to do better at school, to complete Year 12 and go on to higher education. She will be more likely to be employed, and she will be less likely to be involved in criminality.

“Mums, Dads, carers and supporters are looking to NSW political leaders to prioritise the educational needs of NSW children and are this week calling on the Premier and the Opposition Leader to commit to dramatically increasing investment in early learning.

“With the election just a few weeks away, we know they’re listening right now. That’s why we are standing up to say it’s time to put children first.”

Supporters can add their name to the campaign on The Parenthood’s website.
http://www.theparenthood.org.au/nsw_ece_funding.

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