



**A GREAT PLACE
TO GROW**
PUBLIC CHILD CARE

You're invited!

Public meeting

Building a better future for Canada's children: The need for public child care

The verdict has long been in – a public system blending early childhood education and child care (ECEC) delivers high quality programs for children and families. What would that system look like? What can we do to push governments to act?

Canada's private approach to child care has produced a patchwork of unplanned programs that vary in quality, affordability and availability. This approach has sparked an alarming trend: the growth of for-profit child care.

Join us for an evening forum to discuss, and act on, building a public child care system. Susan Prentice, professor of sociology at the University of Manitoba and co-author of a newly-released book on ECEC – *About Canada: Childcare*, will join Susan Harney from the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, and Adrienne Montani, provincial coordinator for First Call Children and Youth Advocacy Coalition. The event is open to all and will be of interest to parents, community youth and child care workers and activists, policy makers and others.



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DATE:
Tuesday,
Nov. 24, 2009

TIME:
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

PLACE:
Vancouver Public Library, Lower Level
Alice Mackay Room, 350 W. Georgia

On-site child care provided