



Child Care Action Plan Update

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Background

- Council endorsed a new 10-year Child Care Action Plan in 2021
- the District has a long-standing role in child care planning and support
 - Child Care Services Working Group
 - Child and Family Hub
 - Child Care Recognition Awards in 2011 and 2016
- the District's approach has evolved alongside provincial child care policy and funding opportunities
 - grant funding to renovate Gordon House and Ambleside Park
 - UBCM Grant to develop the 2021 Child Care Action Plan
- current Action Plan was informed by both local and tri-municipal planning work

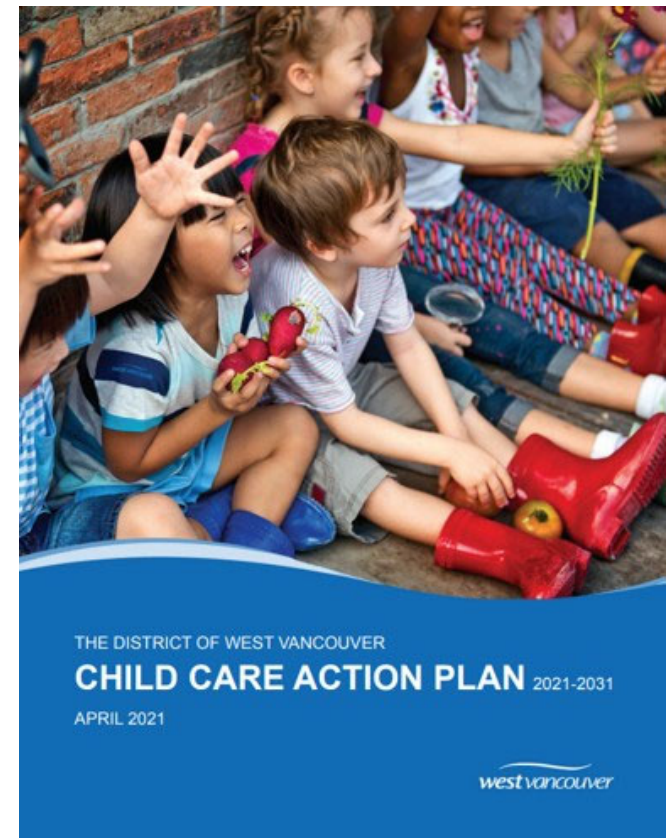
Importance of Child Care



- enables parents and caregivers to work, study, and participate in community life
- strengthens economic resilience
- promotes equity and inclusion
- supports healthy child development
- helps build complete, livable communities

West Vancouver Child Care Action Plan

1. Increase Accessibility
2. Improve Affordability
3. Focus on Quality
4. Strengthen Collaboration and Partnerships



1. Increase Accessibility

Year	Population*	Target Space Per Capita	Spaces Required	Current Spaces	Current Space Per Capita
Infant – Toddler (0 – 2 years)					
2020	697	33%	230	112	16%
2026	632	33%	209	304	48%
Preschooler (30 months – 5 years)					
2020	1,007	75%	755	713	70%
2026	744	75%	558	800	108%
School Age (6 – 12 years)					
2020	3,778	33%	1,247	549	15%
2026	3,470	33%	1,145	798	23%

*2020 and 2026 child population numbers are an estimate from BC Stats Population Estimates

2. Improve Affordability

Average North Shore Monthly Costs for Group Child Care:

Facility Type	Infant	Toddler	Preschooler	School Age
Group Child Care 2019	\$ 1,407	\$1,375	\$ 1,190	\$ 683
Group Child Care 2024 (fee range)	\$ 1,294 (\$146 – 2,511)	\$1,244 (\$200 – 2,511)	\$ 1,115 (\$200 – 1,835)	\$ 832 (\$434 – 1,710)
Change	- 8% (\$ 113)	- 10% (\$ 131)	- 6% (\$ 75)	+ 22% (\$ 149)

3. Focus on Quality

- the District influences quality child care through planning, advocacy, and space provision
- dependent on coordinated roles across partners
- public and non-profit models can help advance quality goals



4. Strengthen Collaboration and Partnerships

- the Child Care Action Plan is advanced through North Shore partnerships
- joint events strengthen connections between families and service providers



Next Steps



- support growth in school aged child care spaces
- explore opportunities to offer more after school programming
- explore new space at below market lease rates
- encourage child care providers to participate in Provincial fee reduction programs
- continue to maintain relationships and collaborations for the benefit of the community

Recommendation

THAT the June 15, 2026 report titled Child Care Action Plan Update from the Access and Community Services Manager be received for information.

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