

District of West Vancouver  
**POLICY**

Title: Child Care  
Division: Parks, Culture & Community Services  
Policy Number: 0079  
File Number: 0282-20-0079

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The District of West Vancouver recognizes that there is a need for quality accessible licenced child care spaces in the community and that the provision of such spaces will help promote a healthy, well-balanced and vital community. Accordingly, the District of West Vancouver acknowledges the need to maintain the Child Care Action Plan to further the development of licenced child care programs in the community.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. This applies to all child care programs and spaces in the District of West Vancouver.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. “**Accessible**” means cultivating inclusivity by eliminating barriers and creating social, physical and economic environments that enable all residents to participate actively in the community.
- 3.2. “**Action Plan**” means the Child Care Action Plan.
- 3.3. “**Affordable**” means removing financial barriers to provide programs and care that decrease the financial strain on families.
- 3.4. “**Child Care**” means the care of children by a day-care center, babysitter, or other provider while parents or caregivers are working.
- 3.5. “**District**” means the District of West Vancouver.

## 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. Child care is a vital part of community social infrastructure and high-quality, accessible, affordable care is essential to the well-being of children, their families, and the broader community. Accessible, affordable child care is also critical for a strong local economy, supporting labour force participation, and contributes to gender equality, social inclusion, and reduced poverty rates for families with children.
- 4.2. **Priorities**  
The Action Plan is organized around four priorities which address the biggest challenges and opportunities to meet the District’s child care needs over the next 10 years and are closely aligned with the Province of BC’s child care commitments:

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1. Increase access to child care;
2. Make child care more affordable;
3. Focus on quality; and
4. Strengthen collaborations and partnerships.

**4.3. Actions**

Priority actions in the Action Plan are listed as short, medium, long-term, and on-going based on the complexity, resources, and coordination required for implementation.

**5. Related Documents**

5.1. Other District documents include:

- a) District of West Vancouver Child Care Action Plan (2021-2031); and
- b) Blueprint for Social Responsibility and Change.

**6. Approval**

<b>Approved by</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor and Council
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**7. Additional Information**

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<b>Related procedure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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