

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would increase investments directly into child care spaces. I would lower spending in housing where possible.

money is being wasted on social services. group home social workers do nothing but fill out reports while chronic problem youth run away on a weekly basis. they also have a no hands on policy. do something more concrete with the youth who run away the most to save money on resources, and have social workers adopt a hands on policy if a youth tries to run off. paying them to call police and get an event # to cover themselves is not helping anyone

Focus on the poor and helping them get out of poverty which will reduce many of the other costs (ie health, social services, etc). Train people for jobs of the future. We need to reallocate funding, not change the amount.

I would hope that a decrease in income tax would allow for more money in parents pockets, perhaps let them stay home more.

Increase money to child care and fix CFS.

Drug testing for people receiving government benefits to ensure the money we are giving them out of our own pockets is going towards their families and their well being and not drugs and alcohol like we know is a major issue.

Children are the future. In my opinion the most important role a government can play is in education. a well educated population will require far less from the government when they are adults

maintain current spending however focus again on eliminating some of the upper level positions so more of the funds can be directed to front line services.

More money needs to be put into child welfare to ensure families and communities are prevented in coming in care. If more money is invested in prevention less kids will come into care saving money in the long run. Welfare is still not enough to provide a sufficient livable amount and poverty is a leading factor for children ending up in care.

No more immigration until everything is sorted. Get teachers that make a lot of money for only working part of the year to help with child care this is after all part of what they are educated to do. 76 million is light much more could be saved here.

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I would decrease funding for child care investments. Social issues is not the responsibility of the public sector. Leave this to non profits that are funded by people who choose to fund these. Parents should pay the full cost of day care spots, or find alternate arrangements.

More daycare spaces

Add more day care spaces so more people can get out to work

Trim the fat. Management.

Build and subsidize provincial day cares much as schools are funded.

invest in quality of childcare programs in the inner city. High quality programs benefit children from low income families the most and correlate strongly with later success in school. Parenting classes - free or on a sliding scale- should also be provided to give parents in stressful situations such as poverty tools to help their children be succesful. This must be done by funding community organizations already offering these services with staff members who are connected to the communities they serve.

1. Increase early child care investments, and use more interactive learning (i.e. replace highly paid humans and administrators with low cost facilitators and computers) in later years.

2. Get rid of wasteful school boards and highly paid do nothing government administrators

Reduce family & child services. Put the onus on families to look after their own. It's a federal obligation to look after [First Nations]

I would put the brakes on adding more childcare spaces, and reduce the daycare subsidies.

People can pay for thier own families.

No subsidized childcare spaces. If you want a child; you must be able to afford to raise one without gov't help/

Make much needed investments in affordable housing and co-op housing.

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Child care spaces are measured by provincially funded spaces. Loosen the rules to ensure restrictions are not put in place on private spaces. Encourage young families to make fiscally responsible decisions when having children where they can afford it and not depend on government to bail them out. Finally daycare spaces are NOT early childhood educators, they are babysitters. Parents are the early childhood educators and should be encouraged to spend the early years with their children.

Help families where they want it, at home and not day cares. The government shouldn't be in the business of raising kids.

More money being sent directly to families under federal plan

people need to take more responsibility to raise their own kids.

corruption and misappropriation of funds in the current system needs to be reigned in - if local authorities remain we need audits and performance driven metrics, otherwise recentralize the system

PARENTS SHOULD RAISE THEIR KIDS TIL AGE 6 INTO GRADE 1 NOT THIRD PARTIES. FAMILY VALUES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY!

Reduce child care subsidies but tied to reducing personal income tax. Allow people to keep money in pocket.

Increase support for child care spaces, low income families - great returns on these investments. More support for tax filing for low income families can bring in millions of extra federal dollars into our economy.

Get the provincial government out of the child care industry. The government's role should be in certifying people to work in child care and ensuring privately run businesses are operating up to standard.

Create a central intake that can only be entered once your child is born (to reduce wait time). Increase availability.

CFS needs an overhaul. It's basically the modern residential school system. Let's work with indigenous communities for a native made solution such as the one in Norway house where the parent is asked to leave not the child. Solving this problems are not easy, but also lead to long term savings both in family, but also justice and health

Managing how the money is being spent. Give parents tax rebates instead of cash.

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Centralize child and family services (only one). Reduce red tape for private day cares to allow for profitability. No expansion to subsidized day care! Reduce funding for all departments by an equal percent for the balance.

Begin with a leg up approach as opposed to the current lifestyle model. Giving people a chance to have pride in themselves would help increase productivity

With a family of five, and as a mom, it is difficult to work full-time without childcare. It's 2016. I don't know one family where both parents don't work. So without childcare, this would be impossible. Also childcare professionals deserve better wages. It's more than spaces, it's also better wages for the staff who are raising the next generation of Manitobans.

More support for childcare. Women in the workforce benefits the Manitoba economy and would result in more taxes payable based on increased economic activity.

The same amount that is given per child to daycares should be given to parents of stay at home kids.

After all the disasters in northern communities, CFS should be disbanded....

Child care is a choice by couples who wish to have two family incomes....if they can afford to work then they should be able to afford child care from their incomes. We did this in the past and there is no reason why we should subsidize them so that they may have a better lifestyle....although the parameters have to be set so that those families with total incomes of less than \$40,000 will have income tax credits.

I am frustrated by increased spending on child care spaces and do not support it. My wife and I raise our own kids while I pay taxes so my neighbours can send their kids to care and hold down two jobs so they can buy nicer cars and a cottage. For anyone middle class and above it appears to be more a lifestyle choice, and I only support subsidized care for lower income.

Encourage home based daycare

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lets start by moving the money to changing the lives of the people, before it becomes a chronic situation. Lets honor the help and support our first nations people need. I am so embarassed, disappointed & disgusted that we Manitobians / Canadians continue to sweep these issues under the carpet. The small amount that is being done, should be moved to the front and center. Pay up, fix the problems. It will take generations to repair. but work has to be increased and started now.. We pat ourselves on the back for bringing in refugees, but look around, we have people here.. that need to be taken care of. PLEASE..

Increase childcare.

Family services ballooned under the NDP, as the Phoenix Sinclair case caused that government to throw money at the problem. I can't believe that we have a well designed and functioning system, and comparing Manitoba to other governments we spend a whole lot and still have many children in poverty and a bizarre number of children in care. Maybe we have a population that is so abusive that we can't do anything else, but I suspect we have a really badly designed, inefficient and ineffective system.

Decrease. Having children is a choice. Parents must learn that having a child will cost them a lot in Time, effort and money. Such costs should not be up to others to pay for. The old phrase "You made your bed, and now you have to sleep in it" seems to fit.

The amount of people in administration.

I would change the zero tolerance that Child and Family services has. I would make the foster care system work for willing home instead of these great Bureaucratic Group homes that just allows the training of bad behaviour for the weaker minded children

Are you being honest with the public here? Is this child care investments or does it include other things?? Such has housing kids in hotels or other similar wasteful practices?? \$1.8B is still too much.

Child care expenses should always be the responsibility of the parents. Encouraging government subsidies for raising children reduces revenue for their programs the government is directly responsible for such as roads and bridges.

Increase the per day rate allowed for private day care (unlicenced); make a priority for CFS agencies adoption or long term planning for foster care children in order to change the status quo;

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Reduce some of the grant programs

sell off crown corporations and regulate them. Pay off debt.

Better help for families with kids on the autism spectrum.

Review services relative to that offered in other provinces. Educate public. Develop measures that ascertain effectiveness of various programs.

increased childcare spaces via local delivery sites by increasing available funding to locals and decreasing bloated regional administrations

The training should be programs students take in college not covered through this dept. Offices should use energy conservation. These areas are top heavy and should focus more on the actual workers not dept heads.

Remains the same - however expenses related to sport programming should be income tested.

Stop rewarding people for having kids. If you choose to have kids then pay for them. I have raised 3 sets of kids and received no subsidies, grants ,welfare or other money. I did get the federal sales tax rebate for a while but I don't agree with it.

Keep it the same, but lets look at driving greater efficiency with what we have at our disposal. THIS IS A VERY SENSITIVE TOPIC. Lets avoid large and expensive projects until we ensure efficiency in what we have today. Lets look how address this "smarter", and not look so much for a silver bullet. And lets try to determine if there is any financial abuse currently in the system. Again, sensitive topic.

Children are our greatest asset and the key to prosperity. We should be ashamed of how difficult it is for young parents to find care for their children. Additionally, our goal should be to rise the bar for child care workers. We should set very high expectations for care and compensate appropriately in order to make child care a viable career choice for high performing employees.

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I would increase funding for single parent child care - but I would also increase free educational and trade apprentice options for single parents to allow upgrading of skills an increase salaries top the point where they can afford child care. Re-centralize the care - the devolution of care has hurt the effectiveness and increased the costs. It won't be popular to re-absorb those workers and enforce standards but devolution hasn't worked. In the case of Indigenous peoples - giving time for guidelines and standards and minimum education requirements and case load management standards with a clear structure making it accountable to the province with auditable activities will be crucial and not outside the practices in finance and other areas. The placement with aboriginal families can be maintained as there are many solid aboriginal families looking to adopt without placing the child in risk of harm.

Consolidate & centralize the authorities & agencies..

Centralize CFS from the devolved system reduce administration and duplication

There should be more incentives for home day cares, less red tape. Less educational requirements for day care workers would reduce the payroll costs and open more spaces. More free spaces for the poor and stop giving subsidies to wealthy individuals.

As I have never relied on any funded care for my children I just had to work more hours to offset my costs, I believe that better planning would be encouraged, so that people would not be so reliant on any level of Government to be babysitting there children.

Housing! why is it the Governments problem??? There should be funding for this!

Leave the system the way it is parents should be learning how to take care of their families not pushed him into daycare's and have other people bring them up sacrifices sometimes have to be made

People can pay for thier own familes

Get parents to pay a user fee or some of the costs.

Increase subsidized and total child care (day care) spaces, enabling parents to have regular employment and/or more disposable income.

people can pay for their own child care and education

Promote more regulated private in-home child care.

Get people to pay for these services.

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Long term gains and savings in hospitals, jails and social programs by investing in children and youth.

People who can afford meals for children at school will gladly accept free meals. Eliminate meals at school unless paid for by parent. suggestion could be moved into Education area.

Increase numbers of daycare spots in schools, lower enrollments should mean more space and spaces.

cut out the social workers and regulations, support people directly. I have faith they will spend wisely for their children...

Maintain funding at current levels but analysis should be completed to eliminate waste, redundancies, and inefficiencies.

The rich know when to get on the list, the poor are moving around so wouldn't know what list to get on. By the time they try, the spots are taken. Daycare subsidies should be income dependent. Right now it's a subsidy for the privileged.

Overhaul CFS - audit - improve IT capability - improve accountability.

Leave it the same and learn to live within your means as the rest of us have to. Stop catering to small special interest groups within the families sector. The few do not outweigh the many

Increase the number of daycare spaces.

Develop a more generous/comprehensive childcare subsidy, especially for low-income families.

Move the daycare portfolio to Ministry of Education.

Need more child care space or one of the parents will need to stay home which means that person will not be paying taxes or have money to spend to help the Manitoba economy....

Child and Family Services needs a total overhaul because there are over 10,000 children with over 90% indigenous children in their care but no one is measuring their effectiveness and we receive poor value for the \$500 million expenditure.

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Reduce the reliance on day care funded by government by encouraging a return to one parent being a "stay at home" child care provider. This would have the added benefit of creating more job openings,

Increase childcare spaces to allow more people to work and pay taxes

increase. Support communities and families in greatest need; we know which communities are in greatest need.

Create more spaces and encourage employed parents to direct generous monthly federal child payments toward their child care.

Better access to quality daycare. A daycare in every early years school.

Federal benefits are more than adequate.

Develop professional unionized daycare spaces.

Add more spaces in provincially regulated daycare centres.

Invest in children's health so they have the capacity to learn. Physical education, healthy eating, and healthy lifestyles.

Business's who want the workers are going to have to help provide child care at their place of employment. Maybe a few of the bigger business's could join together and form a child care for their employees. Other benefit is employees would stay, less turnover and training.

Divest the MB housing stock in remote northern communities such as Churchill and add a few additional unites in Winnipeg and Brandon where they're needed.

More child care spaces, especially infant spaces. More supports for at risk families. Increased promotion of adoption as a viable option for unplanned pregnancies.

Increase child care investments, more spaces, less cost, improved subsidy program. This allows families to continue (or start) working while building a family. The province needs to ensure employment is an option for parent(s).

Review why spending because so extensive for education to begin with. Breakdown the difference between school infrastructure and staff salary. Increase expenses and responsibility for parents. Improve education standards.

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Increase funds to child protection, salaries for front line social workers, more social workers, lower case loads, more funds for prevention to try to prevent kids from entering care, which is healthier if children can remain with their families and also less expensive than having kids in care; increase affordable housing stock and the minimum wage and EIA and disability and increase subsidized daycare space, which goal towards universal daycare. Get rid of the waste of upper management with the authorities. But keep decentralized Metis and First Nations Agencies and other culturally appropriate Agencies, such as Jewish CFS. And give core funding to the YRC.

Being a master of a few things rather than a master of none is a good approach. If you fail at a bunch of things there are lots of mistakes you will make. If you're good at a few then you will receive less complaints about failing as a service.

Make it easier for a parent to stay home with their kids for at least the first two years after birth. That or make day cares less of a babysitter and much more early education orientated.

Allow private day cares that can help with child care and reduce the budget and child care cheques even by just a bit.

Families got together in Carberry and formed there own child care facility province should promote this in other communities somehow.

Review daycare lists. Parents can only be listed at 3 places, and once picked their other requests are then removed. Optics look better?

Make more spots accessible. More spots means more women in the workforce means more people spending means more PST.

Invest in the housing. Upgrade housing units to ensure clean, safe and sustainable homes for the low to mid class families in need.

increase men's awareness of family responsibilities; Make the school class that looks at family budgets and taxes mandatory.

Les services aux familles, c'est une des raisons fondamentales pour laquelle nous avons un gouvernement. Pour augmenter la productivité des 2 conjoints d'une famille il faut s'assurer assez de fonds pour une garde d'enfants de qualité.

Nous avons, au Manitoba, un des plus hauts têt de pauvreté chez les enfants du Canada. C'est honteux. Notre gouvernement présent semble manquer de charité chrétienne et de compassion envers les familles les plus démunies du Manitoba.

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soutien à l'ouverture de nouveaux services de garderie

Increase taxes by establishing a another tax bracket at the top and fund more preschool/daycare spaces at a low cost to families. Training program for more child care workers with tax savings for staying to work in Manitoba.

Id give the same amount of money for families the were less privileged and less for the more privileged.

Make it easier for licensed home day cares, decrease subsidies eligibility for families in public day cares. When building child care spaces, re-evaluate requirements - i.e. space / child.

The Child & Family Services needs to be re-evaluated.

I think the whole Family Servicess department needs to be revised, and I think if the choices were made running the deoartment, then more services could be available

Most of the day care spaces are used by people who do not need this. If you aren't working then no daycare is needed as you are home.

I would give more tax breaks to families to allow at least one parent to stay home and raise their kids, instead of paying for daycare. This would be better for society anyhow. Give tax breaks to child activities, and sports enrolment. Do not subsidise daycare at the broad expense of the taxpayers.

increase child care in a cost effective manner in cities or towns that do not have enough spaces for the population

Maintain

Share cost with Feds increased investment in aboriginal child welfare organizations that will keep apprehended children within their family and cultural structures.

With an increase, we can target some of the families that really need the additional support. Maybe by offering interest free down payment loans (with immediate repayment) so people can get into houses. It's interesting than many societies before our current capitalism didn't demand interest and were better off for it. I believe that may be a positive route to go.

Families need more time off. We need to relax, not stress, this should reduce part of the load on the healthcare system.

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Manitoba needs more childcare availability to allow Manitobans to work while having a family.

Is spending more on child care an efficient use of tax dollars? Would it be better to use the money to pay a stay at home parent allowance? The total cost of daycare may exceed the income of the person who's children are using it. Do the income taxes paid by a working parent pay for child care costs.

People dont work because they get a good money without a job to do

Decrease. Housing and child care.

More needs to be done to prevent children going into care. The four child protection authorities need massive change. The perverse incentive whereby families only get support if children go into care needs to be addressed through better prevention alternatives. Quality child care needs to be more readily accessible.

CFS is in desperate need of an overhaul and additional funding for a review. In the meantime, additional CFS workers are needed to keep our children and vulnerable teens safe. More resources should be directed towards root causes and counseling and support services. Again, mental health funding increases required. Use PST increase to fund.

I would decrease the child care investments with the understanding that a dual-parent household would have one parent paid to be home to raise their children instead of entrusting someone else to do it and paying them. It may decrease the amount of jobs but anyone older than 65 shouldn't be working. They should be retired and enjoying the life they worked so hard to maintain.

I'd add a lot more to services designed to help children in care and children in abusive or otherwise detrimental situations. Giving children supports when they are young gives them a better chance of a productive, healthy life and saves on costs such as health care and policing in the long term.

more private day cares, fewer social workers

we have fewer school children, we don't need more teachers, especially so-called "early childhood educators", that's the parents responsibility

less government in this whole area, more responsibility expected of parents

More licensed day cares.

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Remain same

Government should get out of child care, encourage the private sector to do this.

Try to cut admin costs and apply to frontline services

If a person chooses to have a child they should understand that is their commitment to the costs and the working or not working issue. As a single mom, I took care of my child and found care with other moms and it worked, I did not look for a hand out just because I had a child why are we paying for this to others.

Eliminate this one

decrease

Child care spaces should be reserved for specific needs, not offered to everyone. No subsidies from the government for most (possibly all) people.

Early childhood educators would not be necessary if parents fulfilled their roles. Mothers should train their own children with support from their husbands. Those who have special needs ought to be cared for by the church.

decrease

I would decrease investment in child care as I believe children should be raised as much as possible by their parents. Being a parent means making sacrifices for your kids. For some it's putting a career on hold to raise them at home through the early years, for others it's paying the hefty cost of child care. Taxes should not be used to encourage or enable parents to "have their cake and eat it too".

The gov't cannot & should not be doing the job of a responsible parent. Childcare Services comes to mind. I don't think it needs to be increased but rather more targeted to get maximum for the buck

There is no way daycare is working so reduce the money spent and rely on private daycare

Find efficiencies from within.

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Personally I dont feel the Govt should be involved in funding child care spaces - this would be better left to private enterprise business with Provincial Govt setting a "cap" on applicable fees for spaces such businesses would be allowed to charge parents -dependent on the actual services and goods provided to the child (Care,supervision, food,snacks,etc) by instituting this change the Govt can save that annual 1.9 Billion or at least 50% of it by slowly phasing in this transitional change .

More day care spaces

Facilitate private enterprise ability to fill these needs. Remove the government bureaucracy.

Maintain but make it more efficient.

Seeing that most families are 2 income these days and our population is growing, the need for more space is imperative.

Children have no advocates and poor families are least able to challenge change so it is done effectively. Therefore I hesitate to make any change here until there is a responsible support system. You have also made the child care rules so onerous s that stay at home moms can't provide day care spaces anymore. Regulations have got to change.

Decrease child care and social spending. People need to take responsibility for their own kids...

Revamp child/family services. Get more foster homes, less hotels and tougher guidelines for all. Training courses for fostering should be provided to those interested in providing care to children.

Allow for home schooling tax credits to offset increased public spending.

Hard to say as our burden has increased incredibly due to immigration/refugees.

I have no kids why should i pay for someo e else give tax credits for stay at home parents.

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It is the Government's responsibility to build child care centers. The current system of having a volunteer parent board finding a need for a centre and then jumping through a million hoops to open a new center is ridiculous. (Finding a space, getting it licenced by a coordinator, fire and health should not be a parent's responsibility. Start building centers on existing school grounds and use excess playground and field space that is wasted right right now. Use any available City space for this. 18,000 children without licenced care is an embarassment to this Province. We all know we need child care. More people working = more money in the system. Parent Boards running child care centers is absolutely ridiculous, they do not understand licencing regulations, qualifications, salaries and are generally self serving for their own children's needs. Family Services and housing already approves child care centers Operating Grants, Qualifications, Quality Enhancements, Inclusion Support Programs, Criminal Record Checks; so a Parent Board is redundant. Build Centers, children deserve better than being housed in schools that don't want to share their space, old churches and buildings. Women deserve equal opportunities and should not have to put their careers on hold as they most often do. Fix the problem. Ask Center Director's what the obstacles are. Many of them have more working knowledge of the "system" and how to improve it than your newly appointed Ministers. One Director runs an entire program supervised by all of the above mentioned Professionals. They do this at perhaps 25% of a Principal's salary??? A Director is in charge of HR, Pension, Health Benefits, Grants, Budgets, Banking, billing, payroll and god knows what else, including policies and building maintenance. This is not a dig, this is the truth. Years of knowledge and experience are not being tapped into. Also, crack down on housing and child care subsidy fraud. It is absolutely rampant.

Eliminate duplication and overlap of programs/providers. Why create a whole new entity when you simply want to expand a successful program.

I would increase seeing we don't have the spaces for our children, maybe some business should accommodate daycare in their buildings for parents that work for them.

Encourage private child care centres and businesses by lowering income taxes.

No, it would mean you'd need to reduce the number of agencies and useless administration. Impose "work for welfare" - pick up garbage, mow grass, Citizens on Patrol - no work, no cheque.

Get the Government out of the Day care business.

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Stop the regulatory hurdles required to expand home based and private child care for one. Funny how untold billions of children the world round have been raised without a bureaucrat in between

Monitor workers and contractors more closely for waste. Put research I to construction methods that don't need to be repeated annually specifically with our roads.

A lot of daycare spaces are taken up by people who don't work, just want time away from their child. They should have to prove they have a job (one or both parents) before they can take a space. Plus a lot have a relative take care of their children.

Added support for persons with disabilities

I would Maintain what is already being done, however I am not sure the people under the Sellinger Government (NDP) where astute and providing good honest services when it comes to Child Protection Services! I f I were part of a new Government I would investigate as to whether the Child Prorective Services were honest, above board and free of abuses to the children it was protecting!

People should pay for their own kids. Less taxation leaves more in pocket for self directed spending by parents on the care they want and allow for private institutions to open for business.

I would implement real tax reductions for stay at home parents so they could afford to look after their own children. I'm not a big fan of having our children raised by institutions.

Increase investments in quality housing especialy for adult with disabilities people with intellectual disabilities and mental health are the most ignored population by our government they are kept in poverty with no apologies from government

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Efficiency and duplication needs to be addressed.

Child care is open to a variety of innovative models - the issue is how to get corporations to see that investment goes beyond the immediate financial return to supported workforce; strong beginnings for families and children..it should be seen as part of a competitive total benefits package.

The minister needs to be aware of research, development, curriculum, environmental, regulatory and workforce factors needed to support families. In childcare; centres need supports to maintain quality in all aforementioned areas - and the Province should strive to be a leader in all areas! Child cares, community gathering spaces and/or family resource programs should be a requirement of every development project rather than a political afterthought.

Why are agencies (led by government) not collectively working together from a strategic point of view to support families and children. Instead board of directors from agencies ranging from childcares to CBOs to community centres are working with limited knowledge to sort it out.

Increase enforcement on daycare centres, foster parents and social workers

More kids should be raised in the homes by parents like years ago. It is better for the child and better for the family. I can only imagine how it is to leave so early every day, off to daycare as a small child, to be away from your mother so young. It is much better for all to be raised more at home for the first few years to get family values and be with your mother and father more of the day

Increase - frequently day care is a means for single or low income women to work, these working women make a significant impact in that their children will go to school and have careers versus having teen pregnancies and living as low income.

maintain

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Get government out of the business of social engineering. Enormous sums are wasted on programs for a tiny percentage of the population. There are programs today where 100 people get \$10's of millions of other people's money for their pet cause.

I would decrease it. Maybe if the people in charge of child care knew what their doing but as it stands we still have a big problem with child poverty and abuse.

child care subsidies should be strongly correlated to family income

I don't think we should be paying for Child Care for people making over \$70,000. There should be a means test for day care. It is not up to the government to look after people's children.

When MB residents have children the responsibility should be mainly placed on them as parents for child care and early education before school age. Parents are relying too much on government handouts for child care so that both parents can work to maintain a certain level of lifestyle. One thing I would like to see the government invest in is all day Kindergarten. Kids are ready for this type of stimulation. Although starting Kindergarten before the age of 5 could be more detrimental to children so I would like to see the school age changed to a child needs to be 5 before the start of the first day of Kindergarten.

I repeat,set up 5% increase on salaries over \$100,000.00.Because people are asking for Day care,Breakfast,Lunch,after hours school care,more Bus service(43 buses in Brandon to transport children) and more teachers, we have to pay for more services. otherwise,we shall see layoffs.

Efficiency

In many cases, not providing protection/support/housing results in far greater costs to society than the services cost. It's not like that with your family and mine, but not everyone knows right-from-wrong and has as much initiative as us, unfortunately.

Minimize benefits to able bodied adults so to incentivize work

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I would look carefully at some of the social support programs - and how people are approved for support - to make sure that only those who truly need the assistance are getting it. I know of situations in which people were getting support even though they were financially fine. I also know people who truly need social support (e.g. due to disability), and want them to continue getting it. Supports are necessary, but closer scrutiny of people who receive them is needed as it is far too easy to take advantage of the system.....

I would also scrutinize payments provided to people with children and consider the following:

1) Possibly a stricter means test, and ways to ensure funding is used to actually support the children (e.g. food stamps)

2) A cap on the number of children for which the child tax credit and benefits, as the UK has proposed (i.e. limiting payments to two children, with some exceptions). People who wish to have more than two children should be completely free to do so, but without expecting money from government as a result.

I would consider the vulnerability of single people, particularly elders, who have not have children and may not have other family supports..... There is evidence that single seniors are more vulnerable to poverty. I would consider that rather than create more breaks for parents, couples and children. More onus should be on parents to make decisions about what they can and can't support.

Finally, I would support a workfare arrangement so that unemployed people are expected to provide something to society in return for supports they receive. Exemptions would make sense in cases where doctors state the person should not participate for health reasons etc. If it were possible, I would support providing free daycare to people on workfare so that their having a child/children would not prevent them from working in return for benefits.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Need more child care spots at reasonable rates for people to afford to return to work

Decrease subsidies to child care spaces for higher income families. The federal government is providing huge direct subsidies to families and Manitoba could now reduce some indirect subsidies.

The government must absolutely continue to support child care in order to support parents in the workplace. The economy does not benefit when parents must choose between their job or child care expenses

Offload social aid to churches, which was done before governments became involved in the first place.

There are number of social assistance programs however there is little accountability to these people to be motivated to look for work or better themselves. A large majority of the people in this group are not using the money to help there familes....there is nothing wrong with someone needing help but the help starts with making a change in them first the accountability lies with the person needing the assistance if you want help for your family demonstrate that is is going to be used for good and not just to feed an addiction. Child and family services is broken and badly in need of repair a restructuring needs to occur and money can be cut from there several of the departments are top heavy left by the previous government.

child care isn't the only item under Families. i would increase investment in families for things like housing and to improve the CFS system that is completely broken. Also to invest in housing for folks that have been displaced by flooding or other natural disasters.

We need to have a stronger focus on people with intellectual disabilities and not just approve funding to move out of families homes when in a crisis as that is not fair to the individual to then get funding to move out when family is in crisis. People with intellectual disabilities should have the opportunity to move out and receive funding when they are ready to move out. People with intellectual disabilities need to be recognized in the priority list and models such as ICOF should be available not just in crisis situations.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Increase the investments for Child Care, Children are our future and families dynamics require working parents, Quality licensed child care and trained staff that are dedicated to the field. Focus must be on meeting the needs of our working families, while supporting the needs of each child The program has too many managers, supervisors etc in the head office that need to be stream lined. Need for more front line workers.

Increases to Housing and Poverty reduction strategies.

Change the red tape infant care no spaces

There are many mothers on welfare that could help out at daycares and schools in order to collect their cheque and that would decrease the cost of personnel. They are currently getting cheques for staying home why not ask them to work for it. Licensing red tape needs to be done away with.

I would see that property was returned to a child annually

Increase subsidized spaces, but do more investigation of families who report being single parents to qualify when they are actually married or common law. Increase portable housing subsidies and get rid of deteriorating Mb Housing units which only ghettoize low income earners.

Again the government has no business in child care, put the burden on the private sector, they can start helping they're employees obtain and finance child care.

Funding for families is much larger than "child care investments". You know this. This is a ridiculous way to word this section. Funding for Families is so much more than daycare spaces.

More subsidized daycare spots

See comments below. Costs/ benefit assessment needs to be completed for existing programs. Focus on optimizing systems for specific goals. Think like a company with huge growth potential, but little money. Learn from the best global lessons. Inspirational people such as Sir Richard Branson, Elon Musk, etc. what would they do? Defy 9-5 thinkers and think out of the box.

Focus on programs that give people "a hand up, not a handout", teach a man to fish, etc. Reduce the numbers on the social assistance rolls.

Decrease child care funding, parents need to be responsible for their own children, not the rest of the population

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Stop giving people who have kids a break, it was their choice to have the kid, it's their responsibility to be fiscally responsible for it, not the taxpayers

More subsidized daycare spaces

Drive childcare education through partnerships with business. Create a permanent emergency housing facility. Settle claims for emergency housing. Stop insuring natural disasters (floods/fires/tornado) provide only emergency relief (7-10 days).

Make people responsible to look after themselves and their families!

This encourage people to keep having kids they can't care for. Because the government will

Lesson prescriptive policies that limit effectiveness of Frontline work.

Get away from child apprehension to helping families and do more to make the reserves self sustaining

Keep it the same but i feel some of these tools are abused. With people just have children to get more money. I myself have a child but ive also met families with 5 to 6 children living on welfare. Thr investment should be part of if you can't afford it you can't have more.

I would implement mandatory drug and alcohol testing randomly twice a month to all people receiving government money, one failure on a urine test and they are cut off from the system

Manitoba needs more public child care spaces. A wait list of 14, 000 is unacceptable.

Child care is an investment that allows parents to work for pay, which enables them to pay taxes which then pays for child care. It is also good for child development. Child care workers generally spend their money in the local economy also. So this is not an expense, the money comes back to the federal and provincial government. There is a lot of research on this, here's one source: http://childcaremanitoba.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=40:winnipeg-project-report-launched&catid=12:mediareleases&Itemid=30

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Increase preventative programming in child welfare/protection, children's disability services, etc to reduce the number of children in care. With regards to children permanently in the care of the province, make permanent adoptive families an expectation (this alone would even reduce the millions of dollars it costs to keep children in foster care long term - reallocating this spending to other preventative services). With approximately 11,000 children in care and approximately less than 100 adopted by permanent loving families each year, I imagine this is a huge cost and many of these children remaining in care are higher risk for criminal activity, identity issues, falling behind on education, etc. Manitoba also has a ridiculously long waiting list of approved and eligible parents waiting to adopt children.

Ensure child care spots are available to all who need for employment.

I would STOP spending a fortune on building childcare centers in make home daycare operating grants reasonable. As is, I'd be making less than \$5/hour if I took the grant. We have overhead just like centers. We have less income than centers. Enough is enough!

Increase, and spend the increase supporting families at risk of CFS intervention

I would increase specifically making it lucrative for people to start at home or private day cares. This would create jobs and allow more people to go back to work and this creating more taxable income.

Social Housing renovations such as the innovative Lord Selkirk housing project in winniepegs north end. Increasing spending (together with federal dollars) to increase the number of units built each year is also important. A national housing strategy must be reinstated for people to have housing options if their situations change due to economic downturns or other things out of their control. Pay for it from savings in health care. If people feel securely housed, they will have fewer accidents that require hospital visits.

too many kids in the care of CFS costing us tax payers way too much. i know of some who foster just for the money. I would strongly recommend a full investigation into CFS and see if its even needed anymore or if it can be reduced and families reunited.

no reason for tax payer funded child care. that is a families responsibility

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would increase the availability of child care. For example, the waitlists for daycares are extremely long and are particularly problematic for low income families.

Scrap the online waitlist, it isn't being used by facilities in a fairway. Increase the daily rate by one dollar and make that a tax that goes towards subsidies.

No change

Take money out of the hands of those that don't need it, less money for high income earners

The entire current department is a joke - we have more children in care than almost any other province. We have no solution to the plan, only to keep spending more and more money by throwing cash at the problem. We need to look at reducing this budget because it's growing out of control. We spend more money than ever before and yet have the worst child poverty rates and children in care than ever before. Something doesn't add up.

Child & Family Services got a lot of negative press in the past 10 years despite huge funding increases. Another place for the entire system to be reworked - not by politicians, but by the front line social workers who know where the deficiencies are and the excesses are.

I would put more money towards services for persons with disabilities and their families, and housing.

child care subsidy taken away. Its a discriminatory to working parents

Government can not fix social issues through checks. People need to realize there choices have consequences and it is not governmentso roll to fix there mistakes.

I would focus on early childhood education, after school programs, and other resources to help those that are struggling on Manitoba. Resources need to go to go first and foremost to the working poor and those on social assistance.

Increase daycare availability

Create more day care spaces encourage more women to enter the work force instead of worrying where their children spend the day

Le cote qui me pre-occupe enormement c'est l'argent depenser pour prendre soins des enfants autochtones. Il me semble que pas grand monde sont tenu responsable de l'argent depenser. C'est quoi le plan, ou va l'argent ? Est ce que l'argent est depense pour ce qui a ete approuve?

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Responses

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Less funding for child care

Manitoba needs at 12,000 more public, affordable child care spaces. As well, Manitoba should invest in social housing, completing its planned investment in 500 units of social and affordable housing over 3 years. Also, the EIA basic needs budget should be increased so that all families can have the right to an adequate standard of living. I would like the basic needs budget increased to bring all Manitobans up to 75% of the Market Basket Measure in Budget 2017.

Increase

The number of children in care is way to high; we need to renew the entire system and provide more control and autonomy to First Nations families and communities. People need enough resources to meet their basic needs; not apprehensions.

Early childhood education and care.

More spending on social housing. Increasing supports for child care - employees wages, training more workers, funding to new daycares. More preventative services to prevent the need for child protection services.

Children need more happy and healthy day cares and more income for their basic needs like food and clothing, they also need better homes to live in..

I would offer incentives to businesses to create childcare for employees

Spend less on CFS!

Build more affordable and appropriate housing options.

Decrease or eliminate day care subsidies.

Shift to family support and lunch/breakfast programs, also additional daycare spaces at the workplace (encourage companies to take responsibilities for the community)

Increase funding for families, culture (especially to promote families/culture among indigenous peoples) so we can see the benefit on the families/health services side (especially mental health, troubled youth in our child care system)

Need more services to child protection.

Child care spaces should be private sector.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

what does day care have to do with welfare, housing or child care?

Pay for more child care spaces.

Promote Federal programs for families

Allow deregulation of daycare rates to allow the market to determine rates and provide subsidies to those below LICO. Additionally, force departments to find 10% savings by any means. This would free up \$190M in this area alone. Provide incentives to reward those whose plans are implemented.

Promote Canada Child Care Benefit

Instead of only a cash handout, perhaps subsidies on housing, food, clothing, school supplies, etc., to ensure the money is going to the right places.

find ways to make the system more efficient

Increase funding in early education and disability programs.

Families should be responsible for the upbringing of children.

I would have a serious look at child & family services which has increased offices & therefore infrastructure, administration staff etc from 24 departments to over 42 last I heard. This is not value for money. the wait list for child care has many of the same names on several lists.

There needs to be an option for finding efficiencies within the current system! Considering the budget and the population of Manitoba, I think we should be able to provide more efficient and more effective healthcare solutions.

Less child supports to try to reduce the number of people having kids that are unable to look after them in the first place.

Affordable, quality childcare allows parents to work more; when they work more they pay more income tax and boost revenues. Also, children with quality daycare do better in school and end up with higher lifetime earnings. When children are better educated and their parents have more money, crime goes down as do healthcare costs. Providing childcare means that single parents - most of whom are mothers - can get job training and good jobs.

Increase. We do not have enough to help families.

Increase Child Care. More women could work which would increase the tax base.

Seriously? You warn me about funding health care, but try to make it sound like families with children are the only people who matter.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

cut this sector by 10% also

Start limiting income assistance for single parents who continue producing children beyond their means to support them independently while working fulltime. Less children will be born into poverty.

remain same

we are short-changed with childcare as it is, so why even have it? pay moms/dads to stay home with child until they're old enough to go to school/pre-school.

Eliminate subsidized childcare spaces.

No child should be going hungry in this day and age in Canada. More money is needed to help low income families to eat properly and have decent housing. I would start with more food programs in the school to feed the children at least 2 good meals a day - breakfast and lunch. Take the high calorie no nutrition vending machines out of the schools and hospitals.

Somehow make employers part of the solution, if you want to employ people help them get childcare/provide onsite childcare, it promotes healthy work life balance, reduces cost to business from loss of work to take care of families and improves worker moral and efficiency

Less money to daycare and more for stay at home mom's or in home daycares

find homes for children instead of putting them up in hotels.

Add childcare spaces in licenced daycares. Help low-income families access quality licenced daycare (reduced rates). Invest in early childhood programming. Support First Nations families - 10,000 indigenous kids in CFS care is a provincial embarrassment.

I would increase funding for education to offset the poor spending done in this area. The social issues largely result from other government deficiencies to support industry to create "more than just part time" employment opportunities.

I'm no expert, but I'm sure there is more efficiency to be found in this program.

SOLVE THE CFS PROBLEM!...Make a serious effort to address this problem because if it isn't fixed it will just grow to unsustainable levels. Let families and communities decide how to deal with problems internally if viable.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would have a work/reward program so that families could work toward getting themselves off of social services by working to subsidize their assistance amount in order to save for things like their retirement or their child's post-secondary education. They would be working towards getting off social assistance but also to ensure their children have the opportunity to live more financially stable. Currently, any additional income earned, reduces the amount of assistance provided which deters recipients from looking for employment.

Maximum \$10 / day universal program with sufficient number of placements to meet demand

I would scrap all housing programs because they are not benefiting the right people. Rent continues to increase with each housing credit given to family's that are few and far between. It hurts the economy to be taking money out of middle classes hands to pay for credits that simply increase the costs of living. I would also scrap credits to pay for other peoples education, early childhood educators or not. Instead I would scrap some of the rules that make running a daycare unviable as a business. Minimum wage has gone up and what it would cost to run a daycare has increased over the years, yet what a daycare is allowed to charge is limited. If a daycare was allowed to come up with it's own rates it would be able to pay it's staff well for such an important business.

You need to stop taking kids out of the home and instead support families so that they can keep their kids. If you changed the system to be family focused instead of the current situation that pits parents and children against each other, you would be able to cut long term costs overall and have healthy families. The long term savings would spread throughout government giving you the capacity to reduce specialist wait times.

Reduce middle management positions and remove the red tape so individuals can easily establish private home based day cares

I would definitely not increase funding for public daycares. While I am a part-time working mom, I am grateful I do not have to work full-time as I believe there is significant evidence showing that attachment is key when children are young and they benefit greatly from spending lots of quality time with their parents. I support government initiatives to keep parents at home as long and as much as possible while children are young.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Supporting families would have a positive effect on other parts of our society. Likely reduced poverty, crime, and better health.

Decrease handouts to rich families. Increase spending on social services

I would increase cost day care's can charge for those who can afford it. We have a daughter under 2 in daycare, these people do amazing work (atlas in our small community) and wages should be increased for ECE's. \$33/day (our cost) is way to cheap for childcare, meals, and a awesome early life education.

Eliminate subsidized daycare to low income family. They may be better off looking after their kids at home.

I would increase funding for child protection, family supports, and housing.

I would change the way we fund income assistance. I would allow for more work programs, ie: road repair, environmental services, day cares to allow people on assistance to work for lower wages while providing education and work experience.

private care providers and stay at home mothers are reliable sources of child care.

This whole department requires a top to bottom review. There are so many issues within this area that it is impossible to determine if spending more will solve the problem or if savings can be found if it is run efficiently.

Maintain, once again explain to the public that because of a budget deficit we won't be able to meet the demand.

Like health care, reorganize the system, not the money, community development to address social inequity

Wage roll backs and freezes. Model clearly isn't working and spending more money on padding the pockets of those individuals because of union agreements is simply ridiculous while quality of service provided has been terribly riddled with incompetence and excuses

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If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

The actual increase in spending on "Families" would be off-set by lower spending on other services like health and employment services. The Your Budget tool needs to reflect that in order to show an accurate reflection on how investing in Families benefits the entire system.

I would also recommend increased spending on family enhancement and parenting programs which should have longer term benefits compared to child protection programs. The funding for the current child protection program is based on kids in care. Agencies are not funded unless children are wards. Therefore entire businesses (agencies and authorities) are given incentives in the form of money to take more kids in care. This funding structure provides no financial incentives for the agencies and authorities to keep children with their families. In general, this is backwards.

stop rewarding people financially for having children and not taking care of them

Increase funding for adults with intellectual disabilities, for their cost of living and wages for staff that support them.

This is a tough one with the increase of child care needed. We have a great support/training system for in home daycares that should have a promotional campaign. I think more people would start day cares in their homes if they knew about the support the government provides.

I would suggest that there is one worker per individual/child that looks after the needs, this worker would organize the family services, healthcare, education etc needs. The employees performing the work should provide reports to the one worker.

If you choose to have a child you should pay for the child.

Increase funding for poverty line families, decrease it for middle and upper class.

Eliminate spaces reserved for those on social assistance. They are not using the spot to look for work. Once they get a job that they prove they can hold down, provide them with a subsidized spot. There is a lot of abuse of the system that is going undetected. These spots are for those that are working and need the spots.

The federal monthly Child Tax Benefit could be used wisely by Manitobans with children on responsible care and needs.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

families need more support. women have the potential to make half the workforce, yet many aren't able to contribute to their full potential because they cannot find the kind of good childcare and support they need.

If eces got paid more there would be no need to pay to train them as it would be a desirable job. Parents should pay the full cost of child care themselves, lower income can receive a rebate or tax credit. Why do we supplement some family making 500K with lower child care costs.

Some family service providers keep the money for management instead of getting it to the actual service providers, ie foster agencies.

Of the 1.9 billion budget for Manitoba Families, WAY TOO MUCH IS SPENT ON CFS. In the CFS BUDGET... we read the Families Annual report...There is so little spent on PREVENTION in CFS and keeping children with their families....INVEST in EARLY YEARS NOW!

Offer tax incentives for those using childcare and those opening childcare facilities.

I would drastically reduce the powers of Child & Family Services. They are awful.

Many families receive a monthly cheque from the government for each child they have and many do not need it. Our tax dollars should not be going to these families.

More child care spaces for people who are involved in a workfare program.

No employee of this department will earn more than \$45,000 for this year, including the minister.

Cut the child care crap. If you want to put your kids in daycare pay for it yourself. Huge savings not rocket science guys.

Privatize daycares- regulate fees, only subsidize where needed. Introduce 'in kind' housing maintenance programs. Reduce long term housing guarantees. encourage coop housing programs >< gov't housing

the whole system of child care needs reworking. children in hotels is not a good way to look after them. I don't know what the answers are but this is on big organization that needs overhaul.

Increase child care investments. More evidence-based Head Start programs and co-operatives to support new moms and growing families. Focus on systems integration to address issues like youth homelessness and prevent CFS apprehensions.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Remove tax breaks for children's sports and activities since these mainly benefit the wealthiest families

I do not believe the current funding is being effectively used. Canadian Centre for Child Protection verifies the disaster that is our social services system. I do not support more childcare spaces or early childhood educators. I would rather see support for parents caring for their own children,

Reduce funding for child care space. Parents should be raising their children, not paying strangers to do it for them.

Day care.

Encourage the involvement of the private sectors, but only while being monitored by the provincial government for policy, safety and health compliances.

Increase.

Increase.

Leave as is.

Better educated child care workers

Tax breaks for nannies and daycares (to the families) not subsidized daycare.

When families are doing well it can reduce the burden on other services such as health care, foster care, social services. The EIA system needs to be reviewed. There are far too many generations living on the ssysyem, when the system is suppose provide temporary assistance, not life style. Quality care is important-not just child care.

First and foremost I would change CFS mandates and make them accountable instead of over the law. Second, I would reform social and income assistance. I would make it mandatory that persons without a disability have to volunteer for 40 hours a week if they cannot find a job. Child care would be government made... or at the very least... changed so home daycares dont have al the increased requirements and are able to make a profit.

Generous federal cheques can be spent wisely by Manitoba families until the budget is balanced and more money can be invested wisely where need is proven. This includes daycare.

Freezing seems fair while reviewing efficiency.

homeless youth

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Welfare \$ to those who actually need it. Not to those who have been sponging off the system and popping out children to get bigger checks.

More support for single parent homes, more support for poor children and families. After school programs, recreations programs, community centres... Provide opportunities for music lessons, sports, art...etc

EIA program would be limited to persons with a disability only. Family Conciliation Services would be privatized. Child care services would only be provided by unfunded facilities across the province.

Wages

Not sure ... not informed of this area ... so cannot comment or change the budget.

Increasing child care spaces enables more people to participate in the economy.

Federal government is giving away millions.

I would reduce the provincial income tax rate so families would have more money to spend on the child programs that work best for them, and reduce the same approximate amount from the budget.

I feel that social services are not getting the bang for the buck that other agencies do. While I would cut back on some of that funding I would try to increase spaces for child care spaces.

More childcare spaces

I would drastically increase affordable childcare spaces.

increase funding for organizations that can provide physical literacy training so that we can hopefully change the course of Manitoba youth's health.

encourage the use of private enterprise to carry the debt burden, including private daycare.

Cut benefits of the highest income earners and reinforce the lowest income earners

would not fund all the spaces...try to make more spaces available in the evening so people could share spaces...difficult for those working alternate shifts to find spaces. cut funding to middle income families.

We have too many programs in place to reduce responsibilities of parenting, family values, accountability of action and community involvement. I would reduce it further if it was an option.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Add more child care spaces.

Invest more into child protection services.

Encourage home day cares, regulated home day cares? Can chip in on costs to keep it affordable, but why...daycare vs. Stay at home parent. Why does the government have to pay....I have three kids and my spouse changed careers to accommodate children....

Parents should budget for child care before having families just as millions have done for years.

Increase public childcare funding to add a significant number of publicly-funded spots and reduce the waiting list. Increase investment in pilot programs for CFS that use an Indigenous approach that focuses on reunification of families.

I would provide, in community supports such as basic parenting skills, mental health supports with mindfulness classes especially among higher risk communities, including teaching healthy coping skills. In addition, I would open up the number of foster families by requiring foster families of all ethnic origins to participate in cultural training and attend cultural events related to their foster child's culture at birth.

Decrease the costs involved in having people adopt children, and then the government won't have to spend so much money looking after them.

The waiting list and affordability of child care is ridiculously bad. Please follow Quebec's example and subsidize child care and open more spots. Most families today rely on dual incomes to afford housing in this provinc -- both have to work. This child care system should support that.

Beyond my scope of understanding to comment here

Children are the future and let's be honest, no walk in the park to raise especially with the demands modern North American work tends to place on most workers, high quality and affordable childcare really should be a no-brainer

Cut bloated funding to Children's Advocate. They do nothing to support families. The Ombudsman could easily absorb their cases.

Engaging at-risk people on a personal level and being proactive in addressing issues is always a better choice.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

While I don't increase funding in this area, the government should end the subsidy for child care spaces except for lower income parents that qualify. Open this up and the shortage of spaces go away. The new funding would go to Child and Family services and housing.

More support for child welfare, with a focus on providing support for families and aiming to reduce apprehensions.

Get social services lined up to deal with family/child issues as there have been quite a few major screw ups in recent history.

Maintain child care but review program for value for money as well as making it leaner.

Fewer grants or incentives provided to ece students just for taking and passing the program. Shorten maturity leave. I understand this will put pressure on daycares however when there is a demand entrepreneurs should follow. We might see more home daycares.

get out of child caree

Increase the number of licensed childcare centers staffed with early childhood educators.

Increase. More child care spaces are needed

Maintain - we have a substantial investment in Healthy Child Manitoba and early a range of early years family supports. These should be trimmed to the most effective and then maintained.

We should be making it a lot easier and quicker for families to adopt children and get them into families. The best place for children is within a family. I believe mothers should be encouraged to stay home with their children and the government should spend more money helping mothers do that, and less in funding daycare spaces.

The mb gov should purchase spaces for childcare centres to affordably rent. As someone looking to open a child care facility, this is my first and largest obstacle. My perspective is that I am qualified to and wanting to open a childcare centre but i do not want to jepordize my families financial situation

Stop allowing food industry to directly advertise to children. Tax soda!!!!

I would change the way the government has become a 'parent' to individuals incapable of caring for themselves and/or children. I do not think more money will change this current trend, I think it will increase it.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Lower cost of day care for all families

More child care spaces even if it means reducing subsidies. Without licensed spaces, families have no choice to turned to unlicensed and unsafe child care. Think of the little girl whose hands were chemically burned in an unlicensed child care arrangement. Children are being harmed because there is not enough access to safe, regulated care with trained early childhood care providers.

Make more grants available for day cares

Working towards a family support system/education system like the Finns have adopted should be priority. Early Childhood Teachers should actually be certified teachers that are properly trained in literacy and numeracy teaching.

Make people more accountable for there decisions to have families

Pivot something very wrong is going on here, not trusted, incompetent, failur. Throw as much is another gov. Union money making machine. Lacks transparency????

Support and encourage personal responsibility for children. Distribute free birth control.

Increase childcare spaces

I would freeze salaries. Also, makes sure children get proper care at there new homes

Encourage family planning and stop taxing families, more money in their pockets mean they can pay for their own daycare IF they live within their means!

Child tax benefit should be increased

Again, fewer organizations with larger budgets. Less overhead means more money going directly to the people who need it. Study which programs have the most impact and fund those programs. Job training for the at-risk youth, helping people help themselves. Increase daycare fees (and I have 2 kids in daycare), the staff deserve higher pay.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

(1) Implement an accountability requirement where EIA is involved. I have seen first hand that there is a lot of money that reaches the hands of the clients and is not being spent on the necessities (food, shelter, utilities) which causes more gov resources (\$\$) to become involved. (2) Increase maternity leave to 2 years to lessen the need for childcare. Make it a choice. Increase the op budget for child care to allow for adequate salaries for ECEs.

Housing - the corporation side is full of high-level bureaucracy, red tape, and bullies. Anything that is not helping to house people or help people house themselves needs to go. Pretty sure there's something on the family services side as well, but not sure what and it's too dangerous to cut blindly there.

Decrease child tax credits, feds are funding more and the government should not be responsible to pay for someone's decision to have a child.

Build affordable housing from shipping containers, I have BIM models and experience subcontracting. The labor in construction will give work to retail outlets and building. Then, manage the properties, don't just let them fall under disrepair.

Less to rich families. More to those that need it

I believe that people need to be responsible for the costs of raising their own children, plus the new child benefit the federal government has put in place has put tax free money into the pockets of low income families who need the support

Increase financial support enabling families to care for their children.

Lower taxes for families would allow families to provide their own child care at more cost effective rates than having the service provided by the government.

Le cote qui me pre-occupe enormement c'est l'argent depenser pour prendre soins des enfants autochtones. Il me semble que pas grand monde sont tenu responsable de l'argent depenser. C'est quoi le plan, ou va l'argent ? Est ce que l'argent est depense pour ce qui a ete approuve?

- decrease children removed fr homes - remove problem parent

- increase day care spaces at flat subsidized rate of \$25/day

Decrease level of funding to senior level administrators. At the same time increase funding to grassroots organizations that are lean.

We need to increase the number of child care spots in Manitoba. Whether you need to increase spending then that is what you need to do.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

There needs to be some investigation to determine how to decrease the price of these child care spots as the price of the infrastructure involved is ballooning. I think there is probably some cost reduction to be found here. I also believe there is a large benefit to society in one parent staying home, both near term and long term, and raising their own children which allows for much more focus on very early years learning

Reduce by getting to the root cause of CFS children in custody. I feel that a number of these people who receive services don't really appreciate them anyway...

If this province is to reduce its debt load, our communities and families need to pull together and rely less on government intervention. This needs to be communicated well to the public right from the beginning. The public needs more empowerment when it comes to dealing with youth crime in their neighborhoods as police are very overburdened.

Income support; families should not have to rely on food banks in such a wealthy country.

as long as people are working and earning there own living helping out is good. But if they don't work no help with any child care!!!

Large families should not receive large govt cheques each month. Have children if you can afford to have them. People need to be responsible for their own choices. It is not fair for other tax payers to subsidise people who choose to have larger families.

Reduce redundant regulations,

Increase the number of child care spaces and subsidy for low income families.

We need affordable childcare, we also need rent controls so that rich landlords who are exploiting working class people are brought under regulation so that they will still be allowed to make a reasonable profit but not exploit people.

Reduce the administration. Like all of the provincial government, there is far too many assistant deputy ministers. The Treasury Board reviews expenditures to a ridiculous scale. Therefore, if the TB is doing this, ADM's are unnecessary.

Increase funding for child care. Hopefully professionals would use the money more effectively to care for our children who are in need.

Offset the cost of daycare. It's currently ridiculous. Why can this not be incorporated with public schools?

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Maintain. Again ask for increased efficiency in the system to prevent trauma in children and prevent children from needing to be taken into care. This requires coordinated efforts between sectors

Make it easier to obtain a license to operate a daycare and increase spending on training

By having more child care capacity you free up time for parents to work more, hence more tax revenues, disposable income and so on.

Decrease. I paid for all my own daycare and ct back to part time. We didn't live in a big house, drive fancy cars and go on trips. We lived within ours means andcit worked.

Immediate need for more child care spaces

Decrease the cost of child care to near zero for families and single mothers. Women should have the freedom to have as many children as the desire without financial burden. Birth rates are far to low in Canada. Children should no longer be viewed as a burden in society.

Housing needs to evict tenants that make more than the low income requirements. It's my understanding dual incomes and people who've had raises beyond low income make are not evicted.

Increase subsidized Daycares spaces. Particularly in rural areas this should allow more parents to work so increase income tax revenues and decrease income assistance spending.

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Less funding for childcare spaces

Families are funded sufficiently from the federal level and through income tax credits.

Same except for single parents. They need an increase.

Create new jobs for the poor instead of relying on the working class to uphold the poorest people.

more child care spaces mean more people in the work force paying taxes- increase subsidy rates and minimum wage

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Instead spending millions to create negligible childcare spaces, I would invest in stay-at-home parents; pay parents to stay home to care for their child... cut CFS by 50%, and invest the funds directly in subsidizing family incomes to enable a better standard and quality of life for them - it begins at home; a financially stable parent/home is a better parent/home. there's no such thing as child poverty - it's adult/parental poverty that is afflicting our society and children, and it costs us at all levels in all sectors greatly. We cannot keep throwing money at our collective social problems and hope they go away; we must thinking creatively and effectively... that is how you solve problems.

Give each family the option of having one parent stay home for a longer maternity leave

Reduce the welfare. Reduce the number of employees in welfare, housing & income assistance. Build a efficient system. Use people on welfare for child care needs. Subsidize the wage if need to.

Having children is a choice - either you can afford children or you can't - why should all the tax payers without children be responsible for ones that can't afford them. Some people have more children because it means more government money - our system is maxed out.

I would completely decolonize the child welfare system creating a Child Welfare protection Center that deals only acute matters of risk and neglect. All other current resources would be diverted to Indigenous Community based agencies to provide culturally appropriate support services to our Indigenous population that is invovled with Child Welfare. What we have in place currently is only perpetuating the reality that the Child Welfare and Justice systems are the Residential Schools of the new millenium. Again all changes must be put under the rigor of evaluation to ensure that intended outcomes such as cost savings and less children in care are attained.

Increase, every year more and more immigrant families have come to Manitoba which means more funding for Families are needed.

Take money from here and invest it in at risk population early childhood education.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

More money to create universal child care - similar to what they have in Quebec. Quality care, that is highly subsidized with very low, affordable rates - again, creates more revenue for government, by allowing parents (mostly women) into the workforce. Also, the return on investment from early childhood education is well documented.

We NEED to increase the number of childcare spaces. I don't even have children of my own, and I see that this is a HUGE issue. Women having to stay home because of unavailable childcare rather than work is a HUGE issue.

More inexpensive child care spaces. Eliminate poverty through proper programming. Poverty alleviation would reduce costs associated with agencies like Child and Family Services and health care expenses.

increase child care investments so that all young people can get back to the work force and pay taxes. Babysitting is not an option

Add more co-pay options to child care

Overhaul CFS

Add Day care spaces

Is child day care subsidy still capped at \$18.80/day? In 2006 our not-for-profit daycare board was prepared to introduce maximum fee of \$25/day and the government told us we could not despite parents having the means to pay this rate. Create daycare 'divisions' like school divisions (or embed not-for-profit daycares in a geographic area into school divisions) so that there can be economies of scale for purchasing supplies, determining wages for staff, reducing duplicative payroll and other paperwork at the daycares themselves. There was a big unionization push in the mid 2000s for daycare workers as a means to address wages but unionization isn't the way to do it: reorienting and reorganizing the entire system is.

Look for efficiencies, remember grandparents are part of families. What about seniors, elders, older adults?

Provide tax credits or income splitting for parent to stay at home and raise their own child

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

Stop allowing non working parents to have their child(ren) in daycare full time which is being paid for by the taxpayers while they are not even working, this is taking up spaces that working parents can't occupy, leaving working taxpayers footing the bill. If you are not going to work, you need to be at home looking after your children.

Open private day cares. No subsidy for civil servant parents.

Put more onus on corporations to provide child care as a benefit for staff. Revisit how aboriginal services are handled (too many decisions are interfered with by Chiefs & Councils, standing in the way of proper child protection/adoptions/foster care.

The new amounts on the Child Tax Credit and too high. This needs to be reduced. Families are being rewarded for having more babies when many of them shouldn't be having any more. They will start to rely on that funding down the road. This is not sustainable.

Better access to child care services.

Reduce the number of child and family services. There are too many agencies. It has become another money pit. On every corner you see another agency.

Daycare shouldn't be subsidized by public tax dollars. reducing the income tax rate should more than offset this change

If you can't afford to have children

Having said that, There used to be a system of Community Nurses.

More childcare spaces, better training for child care givers

Increased funding to support Indigenous communities and families.

Higher costs to parents wanting to have double incomes

I would leave child care investments as they are. I have seen a lot of abuse of the system to families that don't need the help. Clamp down on funding over spending and making sure money goes to families in dear need

We have one of the lowest child care costs in Canada. We can afford to reduce some funding here. The bigger priority is encouraging more availability.

Maintain or increase - it isn't enough.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

(con't from Health above) ...effectively manage programs without having to "negotiate" with its hospitals when changes need to be made. These savings could then be repatriated by Manitoba Health and reinvested in more appropriate areas of health care delivery.

Look at existing programs already in place

Reduce family program benefits in favor of 'basic income' approaches.

find efficiencies in the system - parents not working should not receive daycare subsidies for spots that are not required. Spend money found in discretionary daycare subsidies to increase the number of needed spaces. Increase the number of private daycares. Provide more afterschool care opportunities in schools for parents whose children do not require daycare other than before/after school. This also makes better use of the schools as multi-purpose institutions.

Encouraged private sector involvement with government oversight to ensure compliance with provincial legislation.

Free housing? no such thing, if you are working low income help, if you are not working and need housing, get a job and then apply. Welfare housing is wrong and the whole process has to be reviewed.

\$1.9B.... Hey here is a thought, build a few houses every year with that money and maybe hire some people to watch the kids there? Not everyone wants kids or strangers in their home but would work at a place watching these kids. Works out the same and province will own the houses.

Not everyone thinks about taking in a foster child. Post an ad in the Canada job bank with the current monthly weekly or daily rates.

A lot of stay at home moms with 4 and 5 bedroom homes who like kids. Make the information about being a foster parent easier to find. Put it out there. The internet is a big place.

I WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THE THE MELCC PROGRAM AND SEE WHICH POSITIONS TO ELIMINATE, EXAMPLE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT SPECIALISTS, SAFETY COORDINATOR. TAKING A LOOK TO SEE IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE NECESSARY

Double income families can afford their own daycare, don't subsidize for higher income families. Start \$75K or less per family to any subsidy. Still need to support the vulnerable for sure, but not high income earners.

If you would increase or decrease child care investments, what would you change?

Responses

I would increase services to families, as children are our future, and functional families, create functional kids. Also Children Disability Services spending is needed, to keep disabled children at home, and not in foster care. Cost is greater for kids in care.

More supports for children and families served by cfs and similar agencies.

The availability of funds to families of high income to access child care funds should be a cut to consider. Encourage childcare to be incorporated with our school system if nothing else it would educe the cost of housing.

The CFS budget has tripled in the past 15 years, mostly due to doubling the number of children in care. We may have the most complex CFS system in Canada. Going to one First Nation CFS Authority and one General CFS Authority (including Metis) could simplify the system and save considerable administrative costs. An audit of children in care is in order. Let's also look at the funding of CFS agencies to better encourage alternatives to children in care.

Reduce housing and daycare