

# CHILD CARE POLICY



*a project of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada*

## **MAKING THE CONNECTIONS PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP**

The *Making the Connections* Project Reference Group provides technical expertise and guidance to the project work. Reference Group members have a range of child care policy analysis and financing expertise. They serve in a peer review capacity to ensure that the project analyses are solid, and that the project work is complementary to other child care projects and policy work.

The participants of the Reference Group are:

**Morna Ballantyne** is an adult and community educator specializing in facilitation and popular education, particularly in the community sector. Morna has held senior positions in Canada's largest trade union, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, with responsibility for policy development and strategic planning. Her experience in the child care sector includes serving as Board president for a community child care centre; developing child care policies for employers and trade unions and coordinating child care advocacy campaigns.

**Barbara Cameron** received her PhD in political science from the University of Toronto in 1986. She has worked in research and policy positions in the labour movement, government and the university. She is now an Associate Professor of political science at York University where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Canadian government, social policy and women's studies.

**Rita Chudnovsky** has been an active member of Canada's child care advocacy movement for over 25 years. In 1981, as a parent of a young child in daycare, she was a founding member of the B.C. Daycare Action Coalition. Today, she works with and for the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and facilitates the BC Child Care Advocacy Forum. She has also been active at the national level in child care advocacy and policy development and served for four terms as the B.C. representative to the Board of the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada. Ms. Chudnovsky received her Masters of Education Degree from Simon Fraser University in 1984. She teaches in the Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies at Douglas College.

**Dr. Gordon Cleveland** is Associate Chair (Economics), in the Division of Management, University of Toronto at Scarborough. He has dedicated his research career as an economist to analyzing the economics of early childhood education. With co-authors, he has studied the costs and benefits of universal good-quality child care services in Canada, the financing of child care systems in OECD countries, the effect of child care costs on mothers' employment, the determinants of the wages of child care workers, the determinants of quality in early childhood care services, and the impact of non-profit status on the production of quality in child care.

**Jody Dallaire** has been involved in the child care movement for over 5 years, first as a parent and now as a child care advocate. She, along with other concerned citizens, founded a child care advocacy group in New Brunswick. She currently works as a Coordinator with New Brunswick Child Care Coalition. Jody also volunteers her time with the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, for which she has been chairperson since September 2006. She is also a voluntary board member with l'Association francophone des parents du Nouveau-Brunswick. She lives in Dieppe New Brunswick with her husband and two sons.

**Martha Friendly** became involved in child care/early childhood education as a researcher studying the American Head Start program at Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. Following her immigration to Canada, she worked on child care research at the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto. She became a research coordinator at the University of Toronto's Child in the City program (at the Centre for Urban & Community Studies) in 1978. Martha founded and is currently coordinator of the Childcare Resource and Research Unit, and a senior research associate at the University of Toronto. She has authored numerous articles, chapters and reports on child care and a book on child care policy, and participates in several child care advocacy groups.

**Paul Kershaw** is an Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Human Early Learning Partnership, where he is the director of the Social Care and Social Citizenship Research Network and Co-Director of the Early Learning and Care Research Unit. His scholarship marries political theory with public policy analysis of child care services, parental leave, work-life balance, and taxation of caregiving and dependency, among other policy domains. His work also explores the influence of community environments over citizens' early development.