



Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada **L'Association canadienne pour la promotion des services de garde à l'enfance**



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Child care group denounces federal funding cuts for social research

The Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC) adds its voice to denounce the recent de-funding of several Women's organizations such as the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity and several other organizations.

"These organizations are merely the latest victims of the Harper cuts," says Susan Harney, spokesperson with the CCAAC, "Our organization stopped receiving federal funds for social research and public education projects in March 2008, in spite of our track record of consistently delivering results."

The CCAAC has always been a small organization. However, the loss of federal funding forced the CCAAC to lay off staff and rely even more on volunteers – notably, women - to monitor Canada's progress on child care services.

"These funding cuts have significant implications for democracy in Canada," concludes Harney. "Our governments have signed international agreements for both women and children, committing to the provision of quality, affordable child care services and to fostering ongoing dialogue about the crucial importance of quality in early childhood. A vibrant non-profit sector is essential for engaging citizens in supporting Canada to meet these commitments."¹

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The Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC) works for the right of all children to access a publicly funded, inclusive, quality, non-profit child care system. CCAAC is non-profit, membership-based and regionally representative.

¹ See Excerpt from United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child General Comment No. 7: The Committee urges all States parties, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics, professional groups and grass-roots communities to ...foster continuous, high-level policy dialogues and research on the crucial importance of quality in early childhood, including dialogues at international, national, regional and local levels.