



Father's Day Message to the Alberta Government

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Families want Quality, Accessible Childcare Now!

“Alberta families have waited too long for governments to commit to building a quality early childhood education and childcare system that is accessible to all”, says Bill Moore-Kilgannon, Executive Director of the provincial advocacy organization Public Interest Alberta.

“It is hard to believe that this government is committed to building a quality childcare system considering we are spending less on childcare than we were in 1992 and that Alberta has the lowest childcare spending in the country”.

Public Interest Alberta launched a campaign just prior to Mother's day calling on the provincial government not to cut Alberta's children out of the National childcare program. With the support of many member organizations, people have been signing post cards and sending e-mail messages to the Minister of Children's Services from over 30 cities and towns around Alberta.

“We are delivering this 500 foot long string of postcards to the provincial legislature to tell the Alberta government that all children should be able to access quality early childhood education and care”, says Kevin Kempt, chair of the Alberta Teachers' Association's Committee on the Well-Being of Children and Youth. “Teachers know how important it is that children are able to access early childhood education in order to be able to get the start they need”.