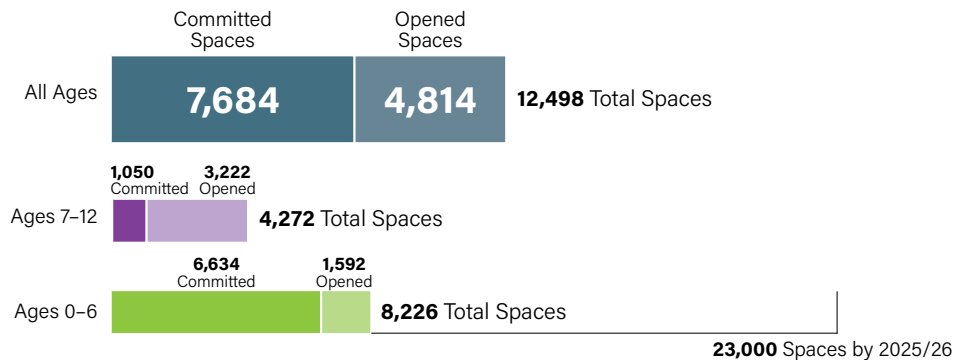


Investing in Early Learning and Child Care

AUGUST 2023 UPDATE

The governments of Manitoba and Canada are investing to expand and strengthen the early learning and child-care system. Since August 2021, Manitoba has made significant progress in its priorities for accessible, affordable, inclusive and high-quality child care, recognizing the critical role of child-care professionals. Knowing there is still more to be done, the Manitoba government is continuing its engagement with stakeholders, parents and the public as we look forward to the next three years of investments under the Canada – Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

Child-Care Spaces



Parent Fees

Reduced parent fees for children ages zero to six from an average of

\$20.70
per day
(2021/22)
to
\$8.43
per day
(2022/23)

Wages

18% increase to operating grants to support higher wages for child care professionals.

Key highlights include

Creating more child-care spaces \$445 million

- ✓ \$120 million – Ready to Move Hybrid Construction with municipalities and First Nations at 25 centres and 1,970 spaces
- ✓ \$1 million – Newcomer Support Hub
- ✓ \$180 million – Child-care space expansion in schools and post-secondary institutions
- ✓ \$17 million – Renovation Expansion Grant for existing providers
- ✓ \$8.8 million – ELCC Building Fund for community-based projects
- ✓ \$13.3 million – Operating grants for new spaces
- ✓ \$115 million – Investments towards the 23 New Schools Guarantee, as part of Manitoba's policy to include a child-care centre in all new schools

Making child care more affordable \$155 million

- ✓ \$82.7 million – Increasing Income Thresholds for the Child-care Subsidy and the Parent Fee Advance
- ✓ \$72.2 million – Implementing the \$10-a-day child-care fees reducing parent fees for regular periods of care

Supporting child-care professionals \$151 million

- ✓ \$15.5 million – Implementing one-time targeted investments for existing child care professionals, including wage enhancements and retirement top-ups
- ✓ \$93 million – Introducing and increasing the wage grid for Early Childhood Educators and Child-Care Assistants
- ✓ \$10 million – Implementing a Tuition Reimbursement Program for post-secondary students studying to become Early Childhood Educators, supporting 633 applicants to date
- ✓ \$24 million – Establishing a multi-year Training Expansion Plan with post-secondary institutions to create almost 1,000 new training seats to grow the number of Early Childhood Educators and Child-Care Assistants
- ✓ \$7.4 million – Providing existing facilities with the Innovative Recruitment and Retention Grant
- ✓ \$1 million – Partnering with the Manitoba Métis Federation to support the Ukrainian Child Care Training Initiative

Enhancing quality programs \$70 million

- ✓ \$52.5 million – Supporting existing facilities with the Diversity and Inclusion Grant and the Quality Environments Grant
- ✓ \$11.9 million – Providing supports for children with additional support needs to ensure they can meaningfully participate in early learning programs
- ✓ \$2.1 million – Expanding the Abecedarian Approach in four additional sites to support children in higher-needs communities
- ✓ \$1.2 million – Expanding access to the Science of Early Child Development resources through French translation
- ✓ \$2.2 million – Supporting other quality initiatives including attachment-based care, the Indigenous Programming Grant, *Mamàhtawisiwin* and the Francophone Governance and Inclusion Grant