



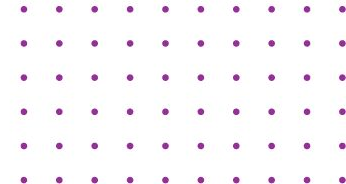
\$10aDay Child Care System Building

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Why is significant planned expansion vital?

- Ontario's space target of 86,000+ spaces won't be met by the old "popcorn method" of expansion.
 - In Ontario 53% of younger children live in child care deserts.
 - But focus on "space creation" or "expansion" alone is the wrong frame. We need to think about **system building with the goal of a stable, inclusive, quality system.**
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Sharing policy research lessons

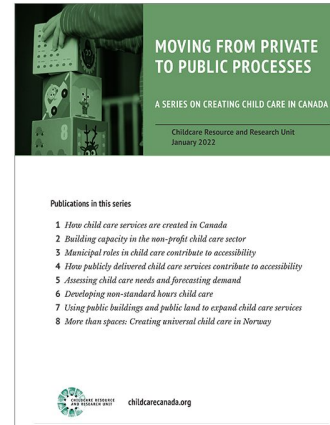
Child Care Now's Growth by Design project

childcarenow.ca/growth-by-design/



Childcare Research and Resource Unit's
Moving from private to public processes
series

<https://childcarecanada.org/publications/other-publications/22/01/moving-private-public-processes-series-creating-child-care>



Current state

Provinces and territories now have capital programs of some kind, by like Ontario's Start-Up Grants (approx \$7000 per space), some don't cover the full cost of expansion.

- NL: Child Care Capacity Initiative, \$8000 per new space
- PEI: Low-interest loans, expansion grants
- NS: Space Expansion grant - 100% of costs for successful applicants
- MB: building fund (60%), Ready to Move
- SK: Space Creation Grant (\$13,360 per space)
- BC: Major and minor capital programs

Most are still application based. We have moved from “popcorn method” to “directed growth” but not yet to truly planned growth. [Full PT comparative chart.](#)

Lessons from Norway's barnhager

- ELCC has become a **legal right** in Norway Today more than **90%** of children 1-5 years attend full-time.
- Period of rapid expansion between **2003-2009**, at the end of which ELCC became a legal entitlement.
- [Full paper on Norway's system building](#)



Lessons from Norway's barnhager

- Key was a *national goal* of universal access, **municipal planning** with significant earmarked grants to support expansion.
- Municipalities could and did expand **both municipal programs and non-profit programs**.
- A **champion for ELCC** within the national government, who achieved **multiparty** support for full provision and ensured support for allocation of necessary resources to achieve it.



How is this similar or different from what we have in Canada now with \$10aDay? How can we move closer to this?

Who collaborated on Norway's rapid expansion?

- National government, the Norwegian State Housing Bank, Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities, Private Kindergarten Association (employer association representing non-profit barnehager).
- *For-profit* expansion in the early 2010's was met by **deprivatization** efforts, bringing more barnhager back to municipal operation. Governments **strengthened regulations** to prevent excessive profit-making.
- **More than “space creation”** - an overall plan for system-building with articulated values.

Lessons from Manitoba's Ready to Move (RTM)

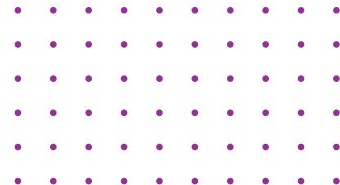
Collaboration between governments of Canada and Manitoba, First Nations governments, local municipalities, JQ Built (a non-profit Municipal Participation Corporation), non-profit child care operators.

- Modular construction, with standardized designs. RTMs are intended to quickly increase supply in a short period of time, and especially **support expansion in small, rural and remote communities.**
- [Full report on Ready to Move](#)



Lessons from Manitoba's RTM

- Capital costs are funded through the Canada-Manitoba CWELCC Agreement.
- Municipalities apply for funding and must provide approximately **two acres of serviced land**.
- Municipality provides the space **rent-free** to a non-profit child care operator for a minimum of 15 years.
- **In Manitoba, municipalities have no formal role in child care** and historically have had little involvement in planning for, funding or delivering child care. They participated not because they have a mandate but because they know it is important to their communities.





Overall lessons

- Publicly led and planned expansion with goal of a ***stable system***.
Move from directed growth to planned growth.
 - Using **public buildings and public land** to expand child care services.
 - **Real collaboration** between levels of government and non-profit agencies.
 - Needs a **champion**, not necessarily a mandate first.
 - **None of us may feel that we have the “ear of government” but together local governments and the child care community can be heard.**
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