

Candidates responses to our questions in order of receipt.

Response received from incumbent and Liberal Candidate Helena Jaczek to Questions on Gender-Based Violence

Good evening.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us about this very important issue.

Everyone has the right to live free from violence. Unacceptably, too many people in our community and across Canada continue to experience violence every day because of their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. This issue has only been magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic in communities across the country. That's why the Liberal Government is committed to collaborating with partners to address and prevent gender-based violence in all its forms.

From the start of the pandemic, we took swift measures to support front-line organizations providing essential supports and services to women and their families experiencing gender-based violence through COVID-19 emergency funding of up to \$100M.

In 2017 we launched the gender-based violence strategy, in our 2019 platform we committed to continuing on with the necessary work to end gender based violence by developing and implementing a National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence and in Budget 2021 we committed over \$600M to further the work.

A re-elected Liberal government will:

- Continue to move forward on the development of a 10-year National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence and begin negotiations with the provinces and territories within a year.
- Accelerate the establishment of the Secretariat announced in Budget 2021 and put in place an accountability framework to ensure anyone facing gender-based violence has reliable and timely access to services, no matter where they live.
- Work with community-based anti-violence experts to track progress of the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence.
- Work with provinces and territories to enact Clare's Law so that domestic partners who fear for their safety can request from police information about their partner's violent history, whether that includes sexual assault, domestic violence, convictions, arrests, or restraining orders.

- Work with provinces and territories to support the development of specialized sexual violence courts.

Here in our community, we need to support those working on the frontline, the experts who know how best to support survivors and ensure that they are at the centre of our response. For too long the sector has been underfunded and overworked. We are proud of the investments made to date and the work that has been done but more is needed and we remain committed.

Thank you,

Team Jaczek

Response received from in People's Party of Canada candidate **René de Vries to Questions on Education and Child Care.**

Thank you for your interest in the People's Party of Canada. Your questions are very specific and I must admit I do not have immediate answers to it. In general I would agree with you that education and related child care is one of a Government's top priorities.

For more details on our platform please visit the following websites:

www.renedevidesppc.com

Best Regards

René de Vries

Response received from incumbent and Liberal Candidate Helene Jaczek to Club's Questions on Child Care

Good morning

Thank you for your email, please see below our plan for child care. You can also read more in the platform: <https://liberal.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/292/2021/09/Platform-Forward-For-Everyone.pdf>

Key Actions to Support Families, Since 2015

- Started building a \$10 a day Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System, reaching agreements with seven provinces and one territory, covering almost half of all children in Canada.
- Created the Canada Child Benefit, which gives more money, tax-free, to 9 out of 10 families than under the last Conservative government and has helped lift 435,000 children out of poverty.
- Provided a CCB top-up of up to \$1,200 to help parents of children under 6 cope with extra costs during COVID-19.
- Introduced the Parental Sharing Benefit which gives an extra five weeks of EI benefits to families when both parents, in a two-parent family, agree to take time off with their new child. This promotes equality at home and in the workplace—and makes families stronger.

\$10 a Day Child Care for Families

Since we introduced our plan for early learning and child care in April, we have worked tirelessly to make agreements with seven provinces and one territory, covering, covering nearly half of children in Canada, to deliver a 50% cut in child care fees next year, and deliver \$10 a day care in five years or less.

But Erin O'Toole's Conservatives want to rip up these agreements. They don't believe that supporting publicly accessible, affordable, and high-quality child care is important for Canada's future. Erin O'Toole has refused to commit to a reduction in child care fees, refused to commit to new child care spaces, and refused to commit to hiring new early childhood educators. And the amount of money that the average family will receive through the Conservative's modest tax credit is smaller, by several magnitudes, than the savings families will see from our plan for \$10 a day child care.

The fact is, ensuring families have access to early learning and child care is not just a social issue—it is an urgent economic issue. The pandemic has exposed what parents have long known. Without access to affordable child care, parents, mostly mothers, can't work. This is a universal issue that is resonating across sectors, regions, and income brackets.

Building a publicly funded Canada-wide system of accessible, high-quality early learning and child care will not only support working parents and make life more affordable for families, but it will also create jobs, strengthen our economy, grow the middle class, and give every child in Canada the best possible start in life. Affordable, high-quality child care has the potential to add 240,000 workers to the Canadian workforce. Every dollar invested in early childhood education can generate up to \$3 in economic return.

Conservatives want to roll back progress for families. We cannot let Canadian women and children get left behind.

A re-elected Liberal government will:

- Reduce fees for child care by 50% in the next year.
- Deliver \$10 a day child care within five years or less.
- Build 250,000 new high-quality child care spaces.

- Hire 40,000 more early childhood educators.
- Finalize agreements with all remaining provinces and territories.
- Work with the province of Quebec to build on its world-class, affordable child care system, improve working conditions for educators, and create more spaces for families.
- Work with Indigenous partners to ensure Indigenous children have access to culturally appropriate, affordable, high-quality early learning and child care.
- Enact federal child care legislation to strengthen and protect a Canada-wide child care system.

More Support for Caregivers

Canadians place a high premium on taking care of one another. Over the last year, the demands on Canadians, particularly women, who care for family members, be they adult children, aging parents, or a sick relative, have been incredibly high. We believe a government should support the Canadians who take care of our families and communities.

A re-elected Liberal government will:

- Expand the Canada Caregiver Credit into a refundable, tax-free benefit. This will help 200,000 more Canadians qualify, and increase support for 448,000 people.
- Make the Canada Caregiver Credit refundable, allowing caregivers to receive up to \$1,250 per year.