

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2011

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROMISES AT A GLANCE



Hugh McFadyen
Progressive Conservative Party

What the Conservatives have said they will do:

- implement a new Manitoba Universal Child Care Benefit, modeled on the federal program by providing families with \$100 a month for each child age 6 – 12
- maintain the current growth of spaces, reaching 6,500 by 2013.

Question to ask:

The benefit for 6 – 12 year olds would cost around \$122M per year – just a bit less than the entire current provincial budget for early learning and child care services. Will the Conservatives cut any of the initiatives in the current provincial budget – such as grants, subsidy, workplace training, the pension plan, the wage adjustment fund, the capital funding, etc. in order to offset the cost of the Manitoba Universal Child Care Benefit?

H. McFadyen image from PC Party website

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Manitoba Liberal Party

What the Liberals have said they will do:

\$44 million would be invested for a five-year universal plan which includes:

- incorporate optional early childhood education spaces; partnering with the public education system
- dedicate more money to hire more child care professionals
- screen for learning disabilities early in a child's life so resources can be provided when they are in class

Question to ask:

Will a Liberal government develop a comprehensive, multi-pronged early childhood development policy inclusive of children birth to age 6?

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New Democratic Party

What the New Democrats have said they will do:

- implement Canada's first province-wide online child care registry
- invest in early childhood, play-based curriculum
- create 6,500 new child care spaces and 1,000 enhanced nursery school spaces by 2013
- build 54 new child care sites by 2013
- give better training opportunities, and offer recruitment incentives for ECE's
- raise salaries and implement a new pension plan for ECE's

Question to ask:

Will an NDP government implement an immediate retention and recruit back strategy for the childcare workforce that includes funding to eligible facilities for current market competitive wages and benefits along with the pension plan?

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