

SOME DOLLAR FIGURES

Sweden 2007

\$26,972 per year per child age 1-5

Assoc. of Swedish Regional and Municipal Governments

link at <http://www.kidsfirstcanada.org/SwDaycareCosts.pdf>

Quebec 2005

\$15,700/yr/space paid to non-profit centres per child 0-18 months

\$11,500/yr/space 18-59 months but....

operating costs only

"Low Fee Regulated Childcare Policy CIRPEE"

http://132.203.59.36/CIRP_EE/cahierscirpee/2005/files/CIRPEE05-08.pdf p22 footnote

Quebec

\$50,000,000 – one-time govt. contribution for staff pensions

Quebec 1999

\$1,000,000

6 months of Upper Respiratory Tract Infection in daycare kids 18-36 months Can. Paediatric Society. "Health implications of children in child care centres Part B: Injuries and infections"

<http://www.cps.ca/english/statements/CP/cp2009-01.htm>

Toronto

Fees charged – up to **\$70/day \$18,000+/yr** – cover only **50% of centre operating costs.**

<http://www.childcarecanada.org/pt98/pdf/big.pdf>

BC 1999

\$1,217/ month (\$14,604/yr) for infant/toddler care

\$8,592/yr 3 to 5 year olds

\$3,816/yr school-age children but...

operating costs only

BC Govt. *Building a Better Future for BC's Kids*, p.4, 1999

US military daycare 1998

US\$ 15,217/yr infants

\$11,827 2 year olds

\$7,679 6-12. Excluded: capital, rent, large repairs, regulation

RAND <http://www.rand.org/publications/MR/MR1415/MR1415.chap4.pdf>

FULL COSTS INCLUDE...

"Costs measured should include not only budgetary costs but off-budget social resources (such as the value of donated time or space) that could have been used for other purposes."

RAND Corporation "Analyzing the Costs and Benefits of Early Childhood Interventions" http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB5051/index1.html

ALL SUBSIDIES

\$ from all 3 levels of govt.

\$ for free/below market rent, utilities, etc

\$ in-kind and cash donations

\$ volunteer and student practicum time

\$ from religious institutions & other charities

\$ from universities

– eg. UBC pays rent, administration, janitorial and repair services for its daycare worth "\$1800 per space per year NOT including rent."

"Child Care Directors' Report to Daycare Council Annual General Meeting" 2006

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL CENTRE OPERATION

\$ for insurance, administration, rent, repairs, cleaning

\$ for staff: wages, benefits, pensions, volunteers' time

\$ for furnishings, supplies, heat, light, utilities, food

CAPITAL

\$ for building(s), land, renovations, major repairs

TRAINING

\$ for diplomas, degrees, in-service, upgrading

GOVERNMENT

\$ for related ministries, monitoring, licensing, inspection, research

MEDICAL

\$ for child & parent illness, absenteeism, "super-bugs"

LOSS OF UNPAID WORKERS

\$ as policy discourages parental child care: value for lost unpaid care-work for elderly & disabled, as well as lost volunteer-time for schools, Scouts, arts, sports, religious, political and cultural organizations

NO ECONOMIES OF SCALE

Full costs mean there are no “economies of scale” in centre-based child care/learning.

Institutional child care/learning has many special costs caused by the type of care itself due to:

- * hygiene concerns
- * safety concerns
- * the need for training when dealing with groups of unrelated children
- * the fact children are cared for by people their parents don't know

There is also a massive duplication of resources available in homes, parks, community centres, libraries, eg:

- * space
- * furnishings, toys, supplies

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL UTOPIA NOT FOUND

HIGH QUALITY UNIVERSAL CARE & LEARNING?

Even Sweden admits “a problem of quality”, “too few staff”, etc.
“Pre-school in Transition” link at <http://www.kidsfirstcanada.org/blog-vol1.htm>

IMPROVED CHILD OUTCOMES LOWER SOCIAL COSTS?

Not after 40+ yrs of Head Start in the US inner cities or after 30+ yrs in Sweden or £3 billion of Sure Start in the UK or 10 yrs in Quebec

SOCIAL COHESION?

Not in race-riot-prone France after years of near universal preschool

MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK

* NO CARROTS – NO STICKS
-END PREFERENTIAL FUNDING OF DAYCARE CENTRES

*LEVERAGE LOVE
-FINANCE FAMILIES DIRECTLY

Kids First Parent Association of Canada www.kidsfirstcanada.org 2009

COSTS

DAYCARE - PRE-SCHOOL – ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

“Measure all costs”

RAND Corporation

”Analyzing the Costs and Benefits of Early
Childhood Interventions”

http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB5051/index1.html

FULL COSTS NEVER OPENLY DISCUSSED OR GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED

“I don't have a dollar figure”

Dr. Hillel Goelman, Director

Human Early Learning Partnership, UBC

The Province, Sep 27, 2000

“\$10 billion annually which is still less than 1% of GDP”

Canadian Union of Public Employees

http://cupe.ca/child-care/Federal_budget_2008

“\$8,500 per year per child”

”The Benefits & Costs of Good Child Care”

Cleveland & Krashinsky, Univ. of Toronto

<http://www.childcarecanada.org/pubs/other/benefits/bc.pdf> p56

“The OECD recommended that Canada boost its child care spending to the OECD average of about 0.4 per cent of GDP”

“Daycare: the debate over space” Feb 11/09 CBC

<http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/story/2009/02/06/f-daycare.html>

“We encourage efforts to bring overall Canadian access and expenditure up to the OECD levels”

OECD Thematic Review of Canadian Early Childhood Education and
Care: Highlights from the recommendations

http://www.childcarecanada.org/pubs/pdf/BN_OECDhighlights.pdf