

Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (\$10-a-Day Child Care)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Canada

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2021 Canada has struck bilateral deals with every province and territory to cut regulated child-care fees toward \$10/day, correlating with record maternal labour-force participation and an estimated 29,000 additional working mothers by late 2025.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

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