



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01126**

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PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **ADAM VAUGHAN**

Response by the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

National child care program

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

The Government of Canada recognizes that Canadian families need support and that all Canadian children deserve a fair chance to succeed. That is why the Government of Canada began working with provinces, territories, and Indigenous peoples to create a new Early Learning and Child Care Framework, to ensure that affordable, high-quality, flexible and fully inclusive child care is available.

The proposed Early Learning and Child Care Framework is part of a suite of commitments intended to support Canadian families, including the Canada Child Benefit - a tax-free, income-tested monthly child benefit - more flexible parental benefits under Employment Insurance, and the right for federally regulated workers to request flexible work arrangements.

The Government of Canada will continue to work closely with provincial and territorial governments and Indigenous communities in the coming months on the development of a Framework to enable children to receive the best possible start in life and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.