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NEWS BULLETIN

VALUE FOR DOLLARS

The enclosed paper on false solutions to the child care crisis in Canada was distributed to most C.D.C.A.A. members in October. This mailing was done by contract, and we have just discovered that some of our members did not receive their copies. We are very sorry for this delay in the mailing of your copy. We trust that this analysis will still be very useful, however, as it was written to help you analyse and respond to the report of the Special Committee on Child Care which is now due to be released in March 1987.

Some of these new child care funding proposals may appear progressive and innovative at first glance. After a careful analysis, however, it is clear that they will not move us towards our goal of the development of a comprehensive system of quality child care that is accessible and affordable, and that meets the varied needs of Canadian children. This paper looks at solutions that have been proposed and measures them against four key criteria for a good Canadian policy on child care. If a given proposal does not meet the criteria, it may do more harm than good. It will move us farther away from our goal, while appearing to provide relief to the child care crisis.

If the Special Committee report recommends funding options that are not discussed in the paper, we encourage you to analyse these new options by comparing them to the key criteria to see whether they do give "value for dollar".

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD CARE UPDATE

November 26 should have seen the release of the report of the Special Committee on Child Care. Instead, the Committee was granted an extension until the end of March! It appears that families and children will have to wait again.

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The C.D.C.A.A. and many other groups are now calling on the federal government to include emergency funding for child care programs in the February budget. This emergency funding would include capital and operating grants to licenced non-profit centres to shore up existing programs and make them affordable to more parents, and to allow the development of desperately-needed new spaces. Margaret Mitchell, the N.D.P. Member of the Special Committee, has proposed a fund of \$150 million for this purpose.

You can support this campaign by writing now to the Prime Minister. Send copies of your letter to the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jake Epp, Minister of Health and Welfare, and the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Minister Responsible for Status of Women. (The address in every case is House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. No postage is needed.)

COMING SOON FROM THE C.D.C.A.A.

A top priority for this year at the C.D.C.A.A. is to keep you informed on the Special Committee on Child Care. To this end, we will be sending you two more documents. The first, an analysis of the transcripts of the hearings of the Special Committee, is a joint production of the C.D.C.A.A. and Martha Friendly of the Daycare Resource and Research Unit at the University of Toronto; you will receive this before the Committee's report is released. The second document will be the C.D.C.A.A. response to the report and its recommendations, and will be sent to you shortly after the report is released.

There will also be a January edition of the C.D.C.A.A. newsletter, The Advocate, with in-depth coverage of the Special Committee, news of the January federal-provincial Social Services Ministers' meeting, reports from across Canada, and more.

ARE YOU MOVING

At any given mailing, many envelopes are returned because members have moved with no forwarding address. The office has no way of tracking them down. Please let us know any change of address by tearing off and returning the change of address slip.

Please correct your membership files by changing my address to:

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Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____
(Old Address: _____)



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PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR C.D.C.A.A. MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all who renewed their memberships after our last bulletin. If you have not done so, please renew now! You can reconfirm your support for the aims of the association by tearing off and sending the membership renewal slip (below) and returning it as soon as possible, along with your cheque or money order.

Membership fees have been kept low so as to encourage a wide range of persons to join or renew. In view of rising postage and printing costs, donations over and above the membership fees are greatly appreciated.

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Yes, I want to renew my membership in the C.D.C.A.A.
I am enclosing a cheque or money order for my two-year membership fee.

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