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Child Care Roundtable

Who Owns Childcare and Why It Matters

From a Private Market to a Public System



The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care plan, introduced in 2021, aims to expand public and non-profit childcare against a long history of for-profit, marketized provision. Childcare is now primarily publicly funded for the first time, so why is the Canadian childcare landscape increasingly dominated by for-profit provision? This roundtable brings together experts from law, history, sociology, and childcare policy to analyze the drivers and risks of privatized childcare and to discuss what needs to be done to build a public childcare system.

Monday, November 16, 2026

12:00–1:30 pm EST

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