

NEW BRUNSWICK  
CHILD CARE COALITION  
COALITION DES SERVICES  
DE GARDE À L'ENFANCE  
DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

# Mother's Voices Project

## *Child care: we can do better*

It all starts with a group of driven people who get together because they feel their child care needs are not being met. Then they look at what their community needs.

The next step is to look at how do we get from where we are today to where we need to go – a community where your child care needs are being met and you are involved in the decision-making.

Responsive child care meets the needs of the different types of families that make up a community. Some families need part-time child care, and others need full-time. A child care system can be made up of day care centres but also family-based settings. For some communities, a drop-in care program would be vital. The important thing is that it be democratically governed and controlled by the community.<sup>1</sup>

## *Mother's Voices on how we fund child care*

The Mother's Voices Project is about tapping into mother's expertise to identify what we need to build a range child care options in your community. During these workshops, participants will look at different ways child care can be funded and will discuss what will work in their community.

How many of us have tried to find a quality space for our child in a child care program, only to find out that the waiting lists go on and on. If and when you do find a space for your child, the cost is often so high; you just know that it will be challenging to afford.

## *Who are we?*

The New Brunswick Child Care Coalition promotes high quality, universally accessible, non-profit, publicly funded child care, with trained and well-paid staff, for all New Brunswick families who want or need it.

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<sup>1</sup> The rEVOLUTION: Community Controlled Child Care in BC, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, Final Report of the Child Care Governance Project, November 2007.

## How can I get involved?

- Attend a Mother's Voices workshop
- Volunteer to be the representative for your group and present the findings to child care decision makers in New Brunswick.
- Attend a public presentation on the results of the workshops.

We don't feel a "one-size fits all" solution will meet the needs of families, and let's face it; we have a lot of work to do to create a child care system that parents can count on. In fact, the situation in New Brunswick as it relates to a child care system can only be improved.

Here is a chance for you to make your voice heard and to be part of the solution. Join us at a Mother's Voices workshop in one of the following participating communities:

**Miramichi October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Shédiac October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**St-Andrews October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Restigouche Region October 28<sup>st</sup>**

**Moncton November 18<sup>th</sup>**

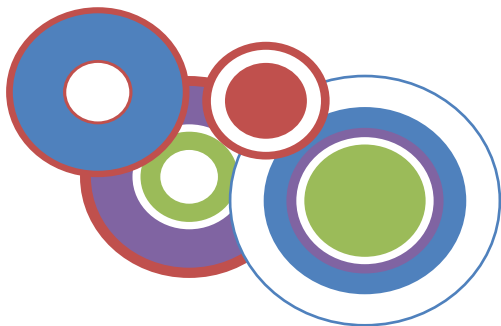
Yes! I want to participate in the Mother's Voices Workshop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For more information or to register for a workshop by phone, contact Rachel today!**

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