

FAMILY CHOICES

Manitoba's Five-Year Agenda for
Early Learning and Child Care



1. 6,500 More Child Care Spaces Funded by 2013

2. Increased Nursery School Enrolment

- ✓ enhanced funding for an additional 1,000 nursery school spaces

3. Family Choices Building Fund

- ✓ \$37 million over 5 years
- ✓ invest in capital funding using surplus school space for child care centres and space outside schools



4. Child Care Safety Charter

- ✓ Manitoba first in Canada to legislate a comprehensive Child Care Safety Charter
 - ✓ licensed child care programs to develop enhanced safety plans and codes of conduct



5. Age Appropriate Curricula and Enhanced Program Quality

6. Centralized Online Waitlist

7. Lowest Fees Outside Québec

- ✓ regulate maximum fees charged to parents

8. Greater Inclusion

- ✓ updates to regulations for children with additional support needs (children with disabilities)

9. More Flexible Hours

10. Stronger Workforce

- ✓ 20% overall funding increase to:
 - ✓ pension plan
 - ✓ increase wages
 - ✓ minimum base wage
 - ✓ wage adjustment fund
- ✓ more early childhood education graduates
- ✓ recruitment campaigns



11. Strategic Expansion

12. Stronger Parental Stewardship

- ✓ develop and pilot new models of governance



Thank you!

