

Media Statement

Build a Dream Applauds the Federal Government's Commitment to Affordable Childcare, Paving the Way for a More Inclusive Skilled Trades Workforce

Windsor – March 28, 2024 – Build a Dream commends the federal government's commitment to investing in affordable childcare across Canada, as outlined in today's announcement.

The availability of affordable childcare has a direct impact on the workforce participation of tradespeople, particularly tradeswomen, who often face significant barriers in accessing childcare services. Many skilled tradespeople have had to contend with long waitlists for childcare, hindering their ability to work or forcing them to consider leaving the industry altogether.

The measures announced today are significant steps toward addressing the childcare needs of tradespeople and supporting their continued participation in the industry. By investing in childcare infrastructure and workforce development, we can create an environment where all parents, regardless of their profession, can thrive in their careers while ensuring their children receive quality care and education.

Build a Dream looks forward to seeing these initiatives implemented and stands ready to support efforts to make affordable childcare a reality for all families across Canada.

"Accessible childcare is a cornerstone of supporting families and enabling parents, especially mothers, to pursue their careers in the skilled trades. We applaud this government's commitment to investing in affordable childcare, which will contribute to building a stronger and more diverse workforce in our industry." - **Nour Hachem-Fawaz, President & Founder, Build a Dream**

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