



## Early Learning and Child Care: What Should Canada Do?

**Wednesday, February 28, 2007**

Metro-Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, Auditorium, 2nd Floor

**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

(light breakfast)

Roundtable:

- Rianne Mahon**, Director, Institute of Political Economy, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University
- Michael Krashinsky**, Professor of Economics; Chair, Department of Management, University of Toronto at Scarborough
- Shawn Tupper**, Director General, Social Policy Development, Social Development Canada
- Martha Friendly**, Director, Child Care Resource and Research Centre, University of Toronto

Moderated by:

**Brenda Patterson**, General Manager, Children's Services, City of Toronto

There is a general consensus across society that good early learning and child care (ELCC) environments are good for children.

In addition, the provision of early learning and child care allows parents, particularly women, to work and access training and education, increasing the chances that they will be able to support their families and avoid poverty.

However, there is still considerable debate about how best to plan, fund and deliver quality ELCC.

What should the role of the state be in ensuring that children have access to high quality early learning and child care? What other supports do families need to raise their children well? What are the international trends in governance, funding, access, infrastructure, and pedagogical approaches? What should Canada – including Ontario and municipalities – do?

Come out to hear what a roundtable of experts has to say about these and other early learning and child care questions.

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