

Child Care: Stories from Our Community

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So, your club has decided to take on childcare as an advocacy issue! National Office has created several documents to help you be effective in your advocacy. One tool is **Childcare: Stories from Our Community**. Once filled in, your club can use this document to illustrate the real need for childcare in your community – and by extension, Canada. We recommend filling in this template with short stories about how real people have experienced the current childcare system (or lack thereof). CFUW club members can share their own stories, or ask their neighbours, children and friends. These questions are meant to elicit the lived experience of people who could not access adequate childcare, and the consequences of the limited access.

Here are some sample questions to get your discussion started

- What's your experience with childcare?
- What kind of barriers have you encountered when attempting to access child care?
- Have you been able to access the type of child care you want?
- Have you had to make any compromises (in your budget, family arrangements, career) to accommodate childcare?
- How has your childcare arrangement impacted other aspects of your life?

We recommend telling these stories using short quotes from people. If you opt to use names, make sure you have permission! As you can see in B.C. Council's original document, they opted not to use the names of those quoted. See B.C. Council Telling Our Stories Project attached.