









CASW ELECTION PRIORITIES

• POVERTY



CASW urges the federal government to [implement a universal basic income guarantee](#) (uBIG) to end poverty in Canada.

Further, to bring the kind of **accountability and transparency** necessary for the success of critical projects such as the new *National Poverty Reduction Strategy*, CASW urges the creation of a new [Social Care Act for Canada](#). Though no party has adopted the concept of a *Social Care Act*, CASW is seeking policies and practices that bring increased accountability and cooperative federalism to our country, and robustly support the social determinants of health.

			
<p>The CPC states that:</p> <p>“Canada’s Conservatives believe that job creation is the best antidote to poverty”</p> <p>And pledge to:</p> <p>Increase the disability supplement from \$744 to \$1,500</p> <p>convert the Child Care Expense deduction into a refundable tax credit covering up to 75% of the cost of child care for lower income families</p> <div data-bbox="178 1599 324 1720" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Commitments contrary to CASW advocacy</p>	<p>The LPC introduced increases to the Canada Child Benefit during their mandate and introduced the historic National Poverty Reduction Strategy, which legislates a poverty line in Canada for the first time and created the National Advisory Council on Poverty comprised of people with lived experience</p> <p>They pledge to:</p> <p>Introduce a Disability Benefit direct monthly payment for low-income Canadians with disabilities to reduce poverty in the same manner as the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Canada Child Benefit</p> <p>boost the Old Age Security benefit by 10% for those 75+ over starting in July 2022 and increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement by \$500 a year for single seniors and \$750 for couples, starting at age 65</p> <p>establish a national \$10-a-day childcare system by 2026</p> <p>deduct health transfers from provinces who enable extra billing for publicly insured services to protect the integrity of our universal public health care system</p> <div data-bbox="552 2325 682 2446" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Some strong commitments toward CASW advocacy goals</p>	<p>The NDP has committed to:</p> <p>begin work to expand income security programs, beginning with seniors and people living with disabilities, to build towards a future where all individuals residing in Canada have access to a guaranteed livable basic income</p> <p>immediately work with the provinces to build a universal, \$10 a day child-care system</p> <p>Make the Canada Caregiver Tax Credit refundable so that low-income recipients benefit</p> <div data-bbox="909 1599 1047 1733" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Strong commitments toward CASW advocacy goals</p>	<p>The GPC has committed to:</p> <p>Create a comprehensive and equitable Guaranteed Livable Income for every person in Canada: building on the Market Basket Measure, payment would be set at a “livable” level for different regions and the federal government would provide an initial base level subsidy across the country, and an intergovernmental body would determine and administer the necessary supplemental amounts</p> <p>Dedicate additional resources to making a universal, affordable, early learning and child-care (ELCC) system a reality</p> <p>Immediately begin to ramp up federal child care funding to achieve the international benchmark of at least one per cent of GDP annually.</p> <div data-bbox="1274 1962 1412 2083" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Strong commitments toward CASW advocacy goals</p>

CASW is seeking commitments from the federal parties to:

- [implement a universal basic income guarantee \(uBIG\)](#) to end poverty in Canada

The cost of current income support programs in Canada is close to \$200 billion per year, but are piece-meal, often stigmatizing, vary from province to province, and are ultimately unsuccessful at ending poverty. uBIG builds on ideas already enshrined in our national laws and identity, such universal health care, the Canada Child Benefit, and Old Age Security: the foundation has already been laid and we're ready for the next step forward.

- **introduce a new [Social Care Act for Canada](#)**

This act is needed to bring the kind of **accountability and transparency** necessary for the success of critical projects such as the new *National Poverty Reduction Strategy*. Though no party has adopted the concept of a *Social Care Act*, CASW is seeking policies and practices that bring increased accountability and cooperative federalism to our country.