

Canadian Paediatric Society

Political Party Policy Survey - Green Party Response

1. Supporting Child and Youth Mental Health: What will your party do to improve timely access to publicly funded mental health services for children and youth?

A Green government will improve access to mental health services for children and youth by embedding support teams in schools to assist teachers and guidance counsellors with mental health and behavioral issues. We will also expand access to care by publicly funding psychotherapy and offering counselling services through community health clinics.

2. Strengthening Health Human Resources: What will your party do to recruit and retain healthcare providers to serve the needs of children and youth with complex medical needs?

A Green government will focus on recruiting and retaining healthcare providers to serve children and youth with complex medical needs by offering competitive compensation and improving working conditions. We will invest in specialized training programs to equip healthcare workers with the skills needed to care for this population. Additionally, we will expand access to collaborative care models, where professionals like doctors, nurses, and therapists work together to provide comprehensive support.

3. Tackling Childhood Poverty: What will your party do to reduce rates of childhood poverty and food insecurity?

A Green government will reduce childhood poverty and food insecurity by raising social assistance rates and adjusting them annually until a Guaranteed Livable Income is in place. We will also prioritize local food production to ensure access to affordable, nutritious food and establish a universal school breakfast and lunch program tailored to community needs. Additionally, we will invest in affordable housing and provide more support for low-income families to meet their basic needs, helping to create a stable environment where children can thrive.

4. Respecting Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children and Youth: How will your party uphold and protect the health and rights of transgender and gender-diverse children and youth?

A Green government will uphold and protect the health and rights of transgender and gender-diverse children and youth by revising Policy 713 to incorporate the changes recommended by the Child and Youth Advocate. This will ensure that schools remain safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for all students.