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**BC Disability Collaborative Voices Disappointment over 2024 BC Budget's Lack of Support for Disabled Children**



**British Columbia, February 28, 2024 – The BC Disability Collaborative (BCDC),** a coalition of organizations advocating for children and youth with disabilities, expressed its disappointment in the 2024 BC Budget. The group, representing a wide array of disabilities including Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD), dyslexia, Down syndrome, autism, and ADHD, criticizes the government's failure to deliver on promised support for the province's vulnerable children in their [letter dated February 26, 2024](#).



The BCDC asserts that the budget does not fulfill Premier Eby's earlier promises of "new investments" to aid children with disabilities, instead allocating much of its funding towards high caseloads and wage increases rather than enhancing services for individuals with support needs.



In a letter to the Premier and relevant Ministers, member organizations within the Collaborative have voiced their frustrations, highlighting a significant gap between the government's pledges and its actions. These concerns range from the overall lack of dedicated disability funding to specific shortcomings in addressing the needs of BC's children and youth requiring support.



The consensus among BCDC members is that the budget's approach falls short of addressing the urgent need for enhanced services and support systems. This shortfall is seen as a missed opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of disabled children and their families across the province.



The BCDC calls for immediate action and significant government investment across various ministries to rectify these critical gaps, emphasizing that children and youth with support needs cannot afford to wait.



***About the BC Disability Collaborative (BCDC)***

The BC Disability Collaborative is a group of provincial organizations united in their efforts to advocate for policies that ensure the rights of disabled citizens (mainly children and youth) are respected, systemic inequities are addressed, and tailored support for disabled children and youth is provided.



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