

CUPE Ontario Election Fact Sheet

Social Service Sector

CUPE Ontario's Social Service Workers Coordinating Committee (SSWCC) defends and campaigns for high-quality, publicly funded social services across Ontario.

Our committee represents 30,000 workers in children's aid societies, child care, community agencies, developmental services, municipal social services, child protection, children's mental health, shelters and hostels, and at the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

CUPE Ontario has been demanding an increase to funding to keep up with needs, inflation and population growth.

Liberals 15 year record:

- 15 years of after inflation funding cuts to social assistance
- Invested less per capita on all programs and services than any other province
- Introduced new technology that created havoc for workers and the people we serve, due to lack of understanding of the work required on the front-lines

Conservative platform:

- Promise to cut \$6 billion from budget will almost guarantee less money going to our social services
- Will find 'efficiencies' which is code for firing our members and more cuts
- Silent on almost all issues that would help our social services

We don't have to choose between BAD and WORSE.

The Ontario NDP will:

- Bring in free childcare for children under 4 for families earning less than \$40,000 and an affordable program for everyone else with an average cost of \$12 a day
- Plan includes professional pay for educators and expansion only in the public and not-for-profit centres
- Establish a dedicated Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
- Declare the Opioid Crisis a public health emergency that recognizes the seriousness of the crisis, mobilizes resources across the province, and focuses on harm reduction to save lives now
- Invest in social infrastructure including Mobile Crisis Response Teams, fighting poverty and truth & reconciliation

Demand Better.
On June 7 - Vote NDP.