

Top 10 Things You Should Know About... **FINDING CHILDCARE**

- 1.** There is a Child Care Resource and Referral service in your area.
Call Enquiry BC for more information:
Victoria: (250) 387-6121
Vancouver: (604) 660-2421
Elsewhere in BC: 1-800-663-7867
- 2.** Assess your needs and determine the best type of childcare for your child.
- 3.** Network with other parents and people in your community about what childcare options they recommend.
- 4.** Have you considered family members or other friends as possible childcare possibilities?
- 5.** Get on a waitlist for the daycare you're most interested in. Even if the waitlist is long, you may be surprised by how quickly things change.
- 6.** Apply for the childcare subsidy as soon as possible – you may be eligible while you're looking for work.
- 7.** Apply for the Universal Child Care Benefit available through the federal government at:
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/benefits/uccb/menu-e.html>
- 8.** Consider sharing childminding responsibilities with a co-worker or friend.
- 9.** Share a babysitter with a friend. Have a childminder come into one of your homes to take care of your children at the same time for a reduced rate.
- 10.** Check out local church and community-based programs like the YM/YWCA.



Talk to your Case Coordinator about what resources are available to support you in your search for appropriate childcare.