

April 2, 2007

Honourable G. Campbell  
Premier of British Columbia  
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Dear Hon. Campbell:

**YOUR REFLECTION AND ACTION IS REQUESTED**

I am writing to you today to request that you ask Hon. Linda Reid to reconsider her proposed closure of the Westcoast provincial services as of April 30, 2007. Westcoast assists and supports parents, child care providers, and all 40 child care resource and referral programs throughout British Columbia.

On a budget of just over three quarters of a million, it is the best value for your money. Our own connection with Westcoast has been a strong one for access to resources and training. An example of what we are about to lose is most recently, seven of our Child Care Consultants were in receipt of FREE train-the-trainer education in "Safe Spaces" (Westcoast's anti-bullying program). Because of this training, we now have the potential of delivering the anti-bullying training to the child care providers<sup>1</sup> in their own communities, viz. Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Parksville, Port Alberni, Courtenay, Campbell River, Powell River, Port McNeill and Port Hardy. Another example is the loss of information booklets in different languages. This will be very expensive for us to do as individual CCRRs.

I encourage you to explore the <http://www.wstcoast.org/> website to see what kind of services you will be losing.

In summary, please reconsider your decision about this major cut you are proposing to make.

Sincerely,  
**PacificCARE**

Shirley Phillips, M.Ed.  
Executive Director  
per Pacific Child and Family Enrichment Society

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<sup>1</sup> We currently have 365 child care providers registered with our CCRR.