



Celebrating Early Learning & Child Care Month

Update for City Council
May 3, 2016





- **Early Learning and Care for a Healthy City**
- **Child Vulnerability and Proportion of Need Met for Child Care across the City**
- **Target update**
- **Success stories**
- **Challenges and responses**
- **Moving Forward**
- **Presentation by Prof. Susan Herrington: Celebrating Outdoor Child Care Spaces**

Healthy City Strategy: “A Healthy City for All”



A Good Start

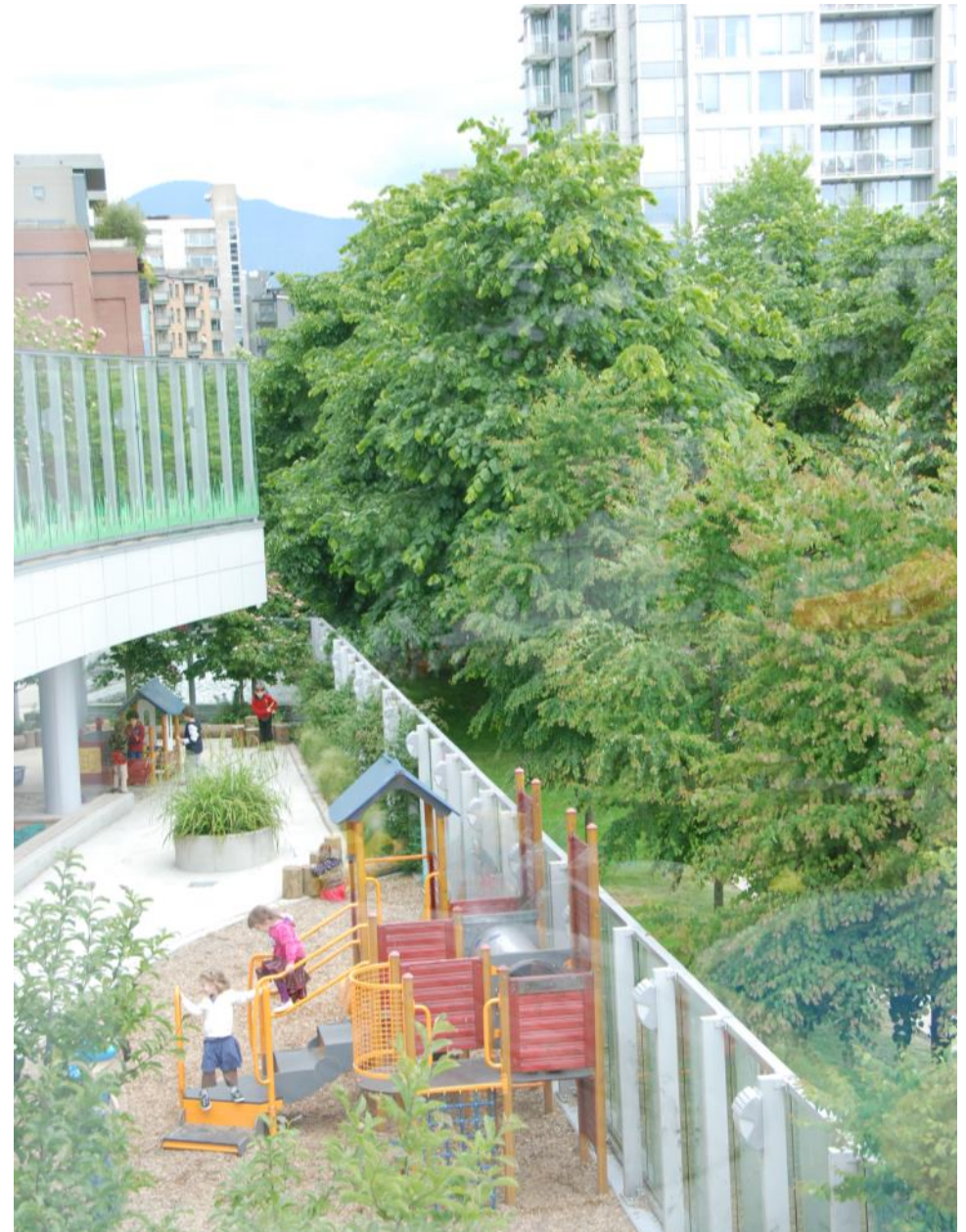
Healthy Childhood Development

2025 Target: 85% of Vancouver’s children are developmentally ready for school when they enter kindergarten

Being Active

Opportunities for Active Living

2025 Target: Increase the rate of people meeting Canadian physical activity guidelines by 25%

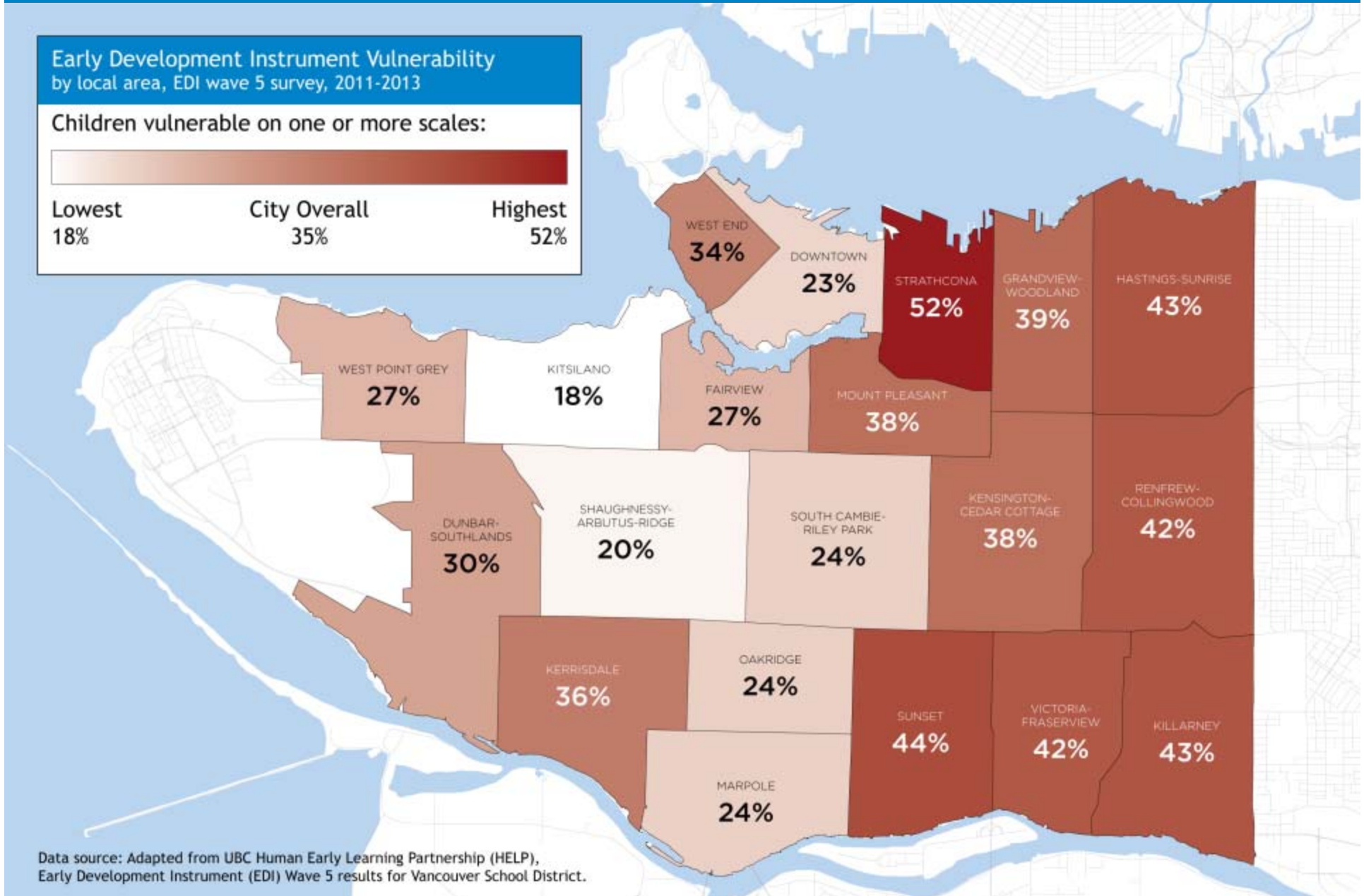


Child Vulnerability in Vancouver (2011-13)



Early Development Instrument Vulnerability
by local area, EDI wave 5 survey, 2011-2013

Children vulnerable on one or more scales:



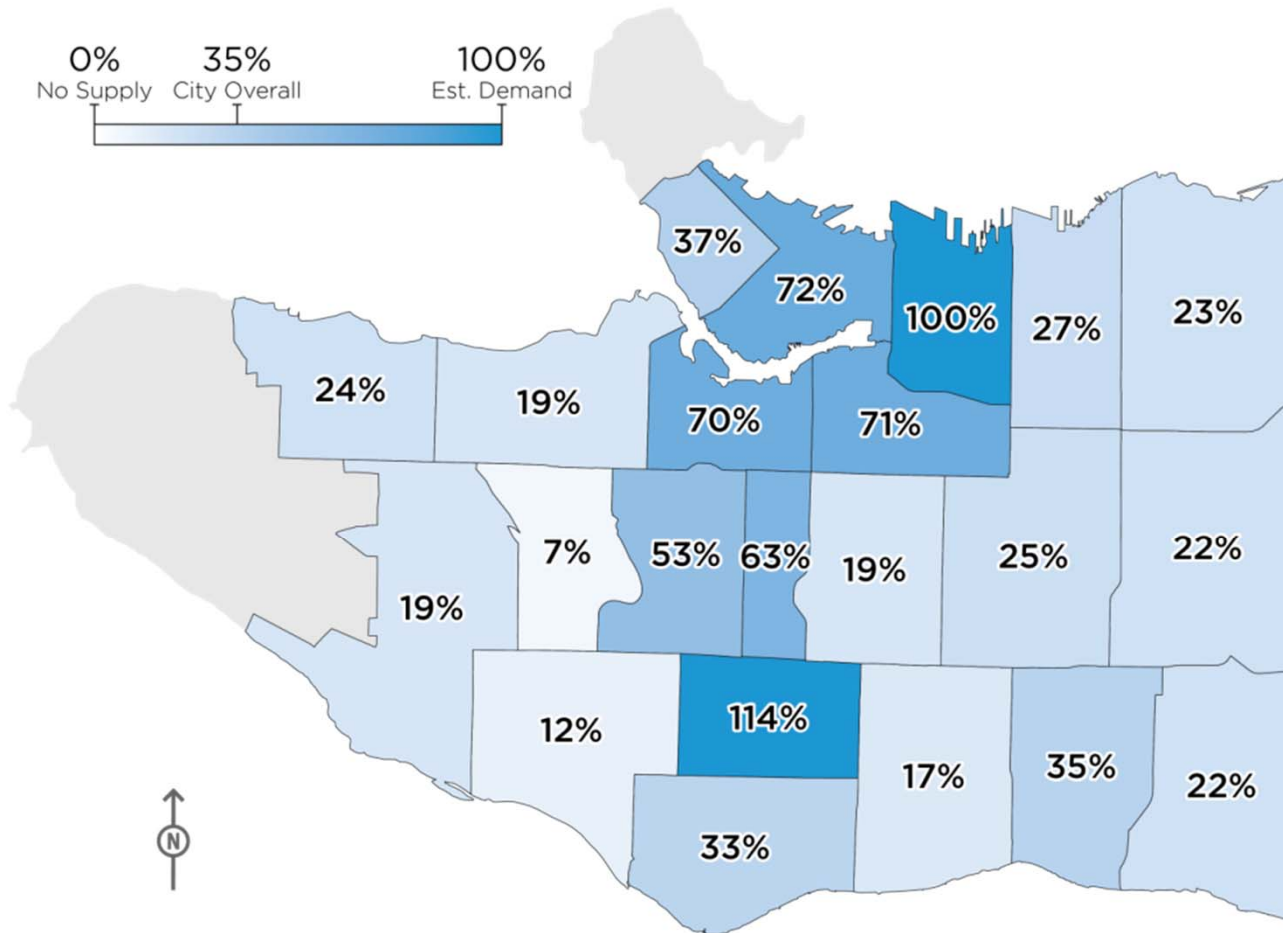
Data source: Adapted from UBC Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), Early Development Instrument (EDI) Wave 5 results for Vancouver School District.

Demonstrated Childcare Need



Childcare Demand Met: Ages 0-4

Estimated Percentage of Children Served by Local Area, 2015



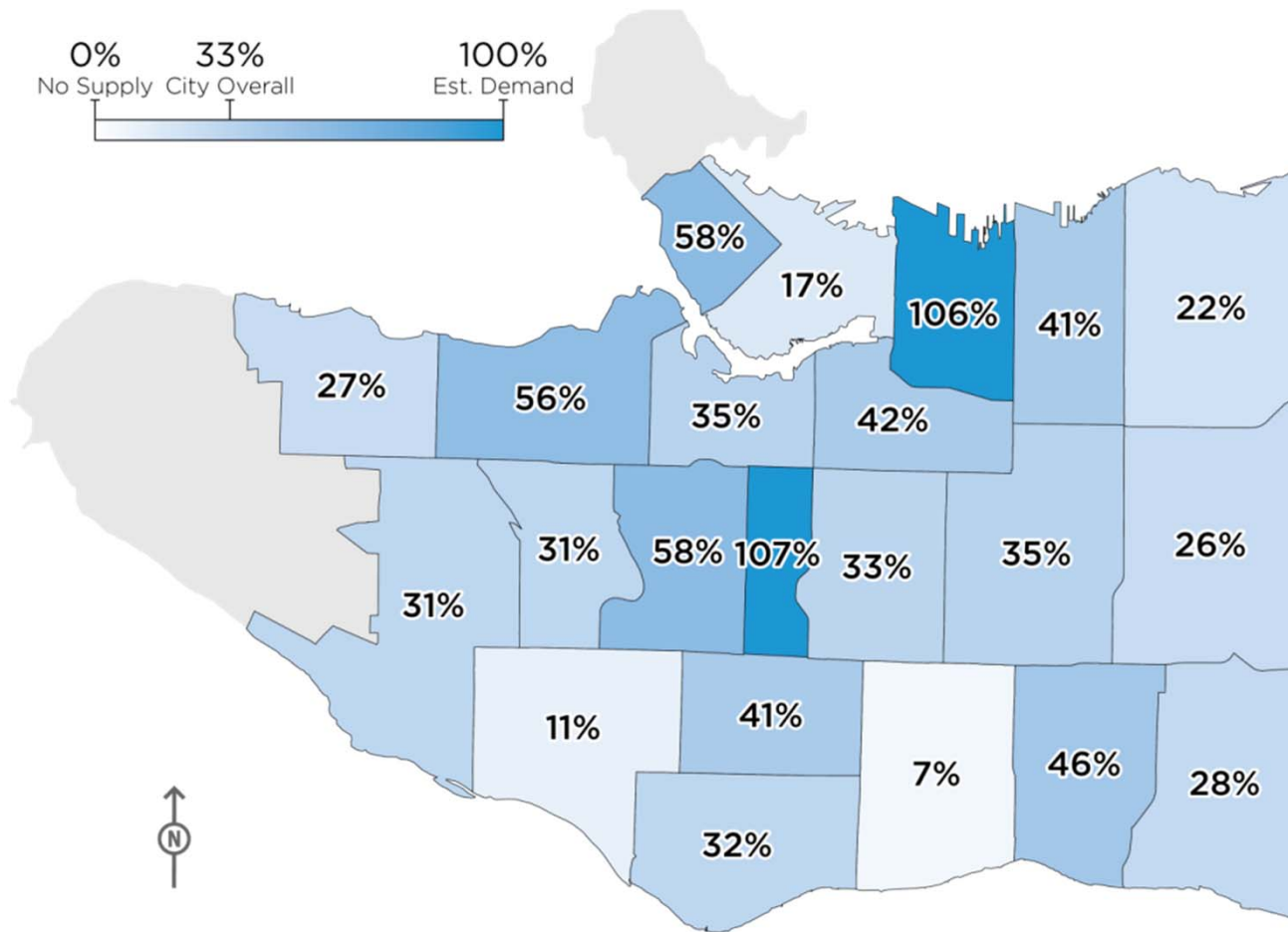
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Childcare Demand Met: School Age

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Current City Child Care Target



Progress Toward 2015-2018 Target (1000 new child care spaces)

New spaces opened since 2015	188
Spaces currently under development	389
Total	577

Co-location of Full Day Child Care in Schools (Ages 0-4)

- A new **69-space** centre as part of seismic replacement school at Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary



Rendering of new Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary

School Age Care Spaces

- Through the City’s School age Expansion Grants, **403 new spaces** have been created in 17 schools since program inception



Other City Childcare Grants:



- **Reserve Grants:** \$580,000 in operating subsidies to non-profits in City-owned facilities, to offset the higher costs of operating at total of 336 Infant/Toddler spaces.
- **Childcare Administration Grants:** \$370,000 in core funding to 2 key organizations, Westcoast Childcare Resource Centre and Vancouver Society of Childcare Centres.
- **Childcare Enhancement Grants:** in 2016 nearly \$900,000 to 28 organizations operating a combined total of nearly 2,000 infant/toddler, 3-5 year old and school-aged childcare spaces.
- **Aboriginal Childcare Hub:** \$40,000 to explore development of an integrated childcare hub among Aboriginal childcare providers.
- **Childcare Small Grants:** more than \$50,000 to support Research, Policy Development & Innovation grants and Stabilization grants



VSB Facilities Challenges

- Possible school closures, impacting existing school age care
- Seismic upgrades of 69 schools resulting in service disruption and potential loss of school age care spaces

Action: Work with VSB to minimize impacts and identify new opportunities for school age care

High Density Environments

- Finding available sites that meet facility needs of quality child care centres



City Parkade – 142-150 Water St



Action: Repurposing underused parkade space



On track: now more than half way to 2018 target (577/1000 spaces)

Remaining target to be achieved through:

- **Partnerships**
 - with VSB, Senior Governments
 - with non-profit agencies (via grants)
- **City projects**
 - co-location with civic facilities (community centres, and affordable housing projects where feasible)
 - Parkades project
 - Projects located on City land
- **Development – CACs**
 - In-kind CAC's via rezoning

- **Quality** early childhood education:
 - contributes to school readiness;
 - improves long term health outcomes;
 - reduces the effects of disadvantage on cognitive, emotional and physical development.
- Economic benefits
- Increases labour-force participation of parents

