

Childcare wait times to be slashed ^[1]

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Trying to find childcare can be one of the most frustrating and stressful parts of parenthood.

But help should be on the horizon as the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board is planning on 266 additional spaces.

"We are coming out with our largest expansion on the childcare side with over 200 new spaces created across multiple schools," says CAO Joe Bradbury.

"It's to address the current high demand for childcare in the district, so we know we have almost one thousand kids waiting for childcare and so we're proposing to bring about 260 childcare spaces within the next year."

It's all part of a federal-provincial expansion plan says Bradbury.

"We were fairly successful in getting funding to allow us to expand the number of spots."

Bradbury says the additional spots will be available within the year, depending on how retrofitting existing facilities go

"Childcare is fairly important. in terms of trying to make sure that individuals can get out to the labour market, so this is a key point. we're quite pleased to make sure that this happens."

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