Red tape and building costs slowing child-care growth: non-profit daycare provider [1]

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Red tape and available space are among the two biggest barriers to child care on Prince Edward Island, according to a charitable organization on the island.

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They pointed to unnecessary complexity and inconsistent timing for licensing, difficulties navigating building and renovations, as well as a lack of government loans or grants to cover start-up costs as major sticking points.

The non-profit representatives say there are also challenges when it comes to finding out what the actual need is.

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Cornwall, P.E.I. and O'Leary, P.E.I. were identified as areas in particularly high need of child care spaces.

On a positive note, CHANCES representatives say the recent announcement of a universal subsidized pay scale for early childhood educators has helped with recruitment and retention issues. Now, they say the biggest hurdle to child care is physical space.

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