

Child-care spaces delayed for families working irregular hours ^[1]

160 \$10-a-day child-care spaces were supposed to open in May

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Child-care spaces designed for families with irregular working hours won't be ready as soon as the Newfoundland and Labrador government thought.

In November, Premier Andrew Furey said about 160 new \$10-a-day spaces would be ready in May, or six months from the province's initial announcement.

Nearly nine months later, the spaces aren't available in St. John's, Bonavista and Corner Brook.

At the construction site for a new child-care centre on St. Michael's Avenue in St. John's, Education Minister Krista Lynn Howell on Friday blamed the delays on logistical issues and safety regulations.

"We did have some issues that we had to work through, in trying to get our sites open and operational, but we've overcome most of those obstacles," Howell said.

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