

Regina child care centre forced to cut programs and staff to stay afloat ^[1]

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"It hurts to think about that not being something that you can do for the families and children that you care about so much," Prairie Lily executive director Cara Steiner said.

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Seiner said with the current lack of funding and \$10-a-day-child care program, the centre is at risk of closing if they don't make cuts to programs and staff. She said new centres are able to access more funding than current places which puts them at a disadvantage.

"If we were to close, and someone else was to come in and open a new centre here as a brand new operator, they would automatically be able to charge more fees than what we are charging right now," Steiner said.

Other centres like Little Memories and Scott Infant and Toddler also told Global News they are operating with a deficit. It started after the \$10-a-day child care program began.

To avoid closure, Steiner said it will take a model of long-term, sustainable monthly funding from the province.

"Where there is a formula set so that all programs have a chance to be successful and all programs have an even playing field for what they're receiving monthly," Steiner said.

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