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There are also three additional sites currently being developed in Bonavista at Discovery Collegiate, one in Corner Brook and a second location in St. John's.

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Each of these child care initiatives is a part of the \$306 million invested through Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, aimed at addressing access to regulated child care as well as improving affordability, inclusivity and the quality of early learning and child care programming in NL.

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Having access to child care that prioritizes spaces to health professionals and offers flexibility for shift work could provide stability for workers who would otherwise struggle to relocate to communities outside of St. John's.

It hasn't been announced yet when the remaining facilities will open, or if the flexibility of their hours will provide overnight childcare services to those working night shifts.

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