

# Islanders still waiting for child-care spots despite efforts to ease backlog, say daycare staff <sup>[1]</sup>

P.E.I. government is trying to improve access, but progress is slow

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## What's next?

Improving access to daycare is about more than just taking names off the waitlist, said Arsenault.

"To open more spaces, you need trained staff, so it's getting people interested in the field that want to work in the field," she said.

For Ford, zoning issues have created challenges when it comes to expanding.

"It's great to have the money, but if there is no location to renovate then it's not helping," she said.

"The government's great to offer the grants and the money, which is wonderful. We'll take it. But we just don't have the spot to put the money into. That's the main problem."

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