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Daycare operators in Saskatchewan say the future will remain uncertain for their businesses and employees as long as the province doesn't sign on to extend the federal government's \$10-a-day child-care program.

Ottawa orchestrated a five-year deal in 2021 with the goal of creating 250,000 new affordable child-care spaces across the country. Saskatchewan and every other province signed on to the deal.

The funding agreement is set to expire in March 2026. Saskatchewan and Alberta remain the only provinces to not renew the program

"It's scary right now in the sector. We don't know if we're going to have jobs and we don't know if we're going to have child-care spaces that are affordable for families in Saskatchewan," Cara Warner of the Southeast Saskatchewan Directors Association said on Monday.

The organization, which represents 25 daycare centres, believes that if the federal funding agreement disappear some operators will close their doors, Warner said.

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