

'We know that it can be done': Advocates press N.S. to create centralized daycare waitlist ^[1]

Provincewide list would lift administrative burden on families and daycare providers, they say

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Nova Scotia's Official Opposition and child-care advocates are renewing their calls for the provincial government to implement a centralized daycare waitlist — a strategy that's been adopted by the other Atlantic provinces.

As it stands, parents in Nova Scotia who are trying to find child care must apply to individual centres across the province. Since the majority of licensed child-care centres are at capacity, most families must sign up for multiple waitlists hoping to eventually secure a spot. For many parents, this process starts during pregnancy.

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Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador have all moved toward a provincial waitlist. Spokespeople for each province told CBC News they wanted to increase transparency for parents, and lift some of the administrative burden off both parents and child-care providers.

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