

Why some Saskatchewan daycares have reached a 'critical point' in their survival ^[1]

"This is a systemic issue. We are not being funded enough to properly operate a child-care program in 2025."

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Saskatchewan is one of two provinces (along with Alberta) yet to sign a deal extending the federally subsidized \$10-a-day child-care program into March 2031. Without the extension, it would end in less than a year — March 2026.

Saskatchewan Minister of Education Everett Hindley said Tuesday that part of the holdup in signing a new deal came down to issues identified by stakeholders.

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Despite criticism of its rollout, daycare operators continue to praise the idea behind \$10-a-day child care.

Deana Williams, executive director of Little Memories Child Care Co-operative, said even as her own centre faces possible closure as early as May, the motivation for the program is commendable.

"All our families, they deserve a system where they can have affordable and accessible child care," she said recently.

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