

Childcare crisis averted for Bonnyville and Cold Lake families ^[1]

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Barbara Rideout is one of the day home providers in Cold Lake who was impacted by the closure of Bonnyville Play & Learn Family Homes, the agency that had been managing the licensing checks and funding for Bonnyville and Cold Lake.

"We sat down for a dinner with our agency and all our providers and were told the board had put in a cease letter on our behalf and we no longer had funding as of March 31," said Rideout.

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For the day home providers and the families they provide care to, the closure of the agency was a crisis. If they didn't find a new agency right away, they would lose access to the Alberta childcare funding, which pays approximately two thirds of the monthly fees for full-time care, leaving parents with a flat fee of \$326.50 per child.

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