

Government 'about to deliver' on child care: Fentie [CA-YT] ^[1]

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Premier Dennis Fentie is telling parents and child care providers to "stay tuned" for future announcements about funding the day care system.

"We're about to deliver," Fentie told the Star after Wednesday's question period, where the Liberals grilled the government on the issue.

"Child care providers are in desperate need of assistance," said Liberal Leader Arthur Mitchell.

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Health and Social Services Minister Brad Cathers responded to Mitchell's questions in the legislature by listing off the achievements of the Yukon Party in child care during its 2002-2006 mandate.

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The government is now committed to moving forward with a five-year plan to address the priorities in the system and create sustainability, he said.

The Yukon Party has now been back in power for more than seven months, said Mitchell, and has demonstrated no sense of urgency around day care.

"This is not all that complicated: give immediate financial relief through an increase in the childcare operating grant to licensed childcare centres and family day homes, increase the subsidy to qualifying parents, and then go to work on your integrated approach and long-term plan," he said.

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The government is already looking into options for increasing the number of day care workers and training opportunities, said Fentie.

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"In the very near future, we'll be coming forward with announcements on how we're going to move forward on many of these commitments," he said.

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