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See pg. 33 for the system audit of the Daycare and Day Home Regulatory Compliance Monitoring program.

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Excerpts from the report:

Young Albertans receive child care services from various programs across the province. The Department of Children and Youth Services -- through the Statutory Director for Child Care and ten regional Child and Family Services Authorities (Authorities) monitors child care programs for compliance with legislation, regulations, and standards on behalf of the Minister. The goal is to provide "continuous improvement of child care programs through standards and monitoring to promote the safety and well-being of children aged zero to 12."

In May 2008, the Minister of Children and Youth Services announced the Creating Child Care Choices (the Plan). One target of the Plan was to create 14,000 new child care spaces over three years, an approximate 25% increase. Other Plan elements included increased accreditation funding, grants and scholarships for staff and providers, and subsidies for low income parents. The Department and Authorities continue to monitor existing child care programs, and enforce compliance with applicable statutory requirements and standards, during implementation of the Plan.

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The Department and Authorities have systems in place for monitoring and enforcing compliance with Statutory Requirements and standards, notwithstanding the increased spaces established under the Plan. However, improvements are needed in documenting Authorities' monitoring results, including enforcement action taken to remedy non-compliance. Without improving documentation processes, the system will not operate as intended.

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