

Daycare needs cash boost ^[1]

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The Region of Peel and other community agencies say the lack of local child care spaces is pushing many parents to rely on unlicensed care.

"Peel receives the lowest per-capita funding for child care in the province, 43 per cent less than the provincial average," said Marilyn Dumaresq, director of child advocacy group Success By 6 Peel.

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According to regional statistics, only about 20 per cent of children aged zero to four are accommodated by Peel's 24,000 licensed childcare spaces.

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Despite improvements from all levels of government, Canada's daycare system is one of the worst in the Western world.

It's time for a national daycare program, instead of piecemeal systems put together by the provinces.

It would be affordable and safe, hopefully preventing deaths as we recently saw at a Mississauga daycare that resulted in a woman being charged.

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