

Johnson officially releases 10-year child-care strategy ^[1]

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The provincial government today officially released the 10-year child-care strategy.

Caring For Our Future: Provincial Strategy for Quality, Sufficient and Affordable Child Care in Newfoundland and Labrador was announced by Charlene Johnson, Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services in Clarenville.

A news release states that, along with the strategy, Johnson announced over \$329,000 in child-care investments during her visit to the Neighbourhood of Friends Family Resource Centre in Clarenville.

"Implementation of the 10-Year Child Care Strategy is well underway and we will continue to systematically improve child care by introducing new initiatives that provide quality, sufficient and affordable regulated child care spaces to families with young children," Johnson said.

The 10-Year Child Care Strategy, which is in its first year of implementation, details a fiscally responsible approach to creating long-term improvement in regulated child care services by focusing on the three key areas of quality, sufficiency and affordability.

Developmental and operational funding for a number of child-care centres was announced under the department's Child Care Capacity Initiative. This initiative provides start-up and/or operating grants to non-profit community-based organizations to aid in the creation of more regulated child care spaces. Since its introduction in 2006, more than 380 spaces have been created through this initiative which will continue under Caring For Our Future.

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