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FACT SHEET ON DAY CARE

Day Care Services in Alberta have received tremendous attention in recent years.

Inflation and the high cost of owning a home have meant that increasing numbers of women are returning to the work force. The demand for day care services has increased. The government of Alberta recognizes the need for Day Care and is committed to ensuring that children are well cared for in their parent's absence.

Since the recent changes in regulations and the increase in budget, Alberta's Day Care Services compare very favourably with those of other provinces.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING ALLOWANCE BUDGET: \$16,477,520.00

- : Alberta has largest per capita operating funding
- : Table shows funding for high improvement levels of staff:child ratios. These ratios will be mandatory for all centres by August 1982.

Staff:child Ratio	Age	Amount
1:3	0-18 mos.	\$175
1:5	19-35 mos.	105
1:8	3 & 4 yrs.	65
1:10	5 yrs.	55

In addition, \$5/per month/per child is paid to operators for maintaining 3 sq. meters/per child net indoor floor space.

FAMILY SUBSIDY BUDGET: \$16,420,000.00

- : Subsidy for payment of fees is available to families who qualify based on income and need for day care.

hi - how have you been? Bill & I had a week in Stowe - a real nice holiday in the ofc. Lynn is trying out for home with Admins as a field worker

SPACES PER CAPITA:

:Alberta has highest number of spaces per capita.

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Day Care Centres	381	17,469
Licensed Family Homes	97	507
Nursery Schools	341	8,159

FORMATION OF DAY CARE BRANCH:

The Honourable Minister of Social Services and Community Health, Bob Bogle, recently announced the amalgamation of the licensing function and the program coordinator function to form the Day Care Branch. David R. Dewar is Executive Director (Acting).

When the 27 proposed staff positions are filled, Alberta will have the largest staff support service in Canada.

Day Care Branch offices are located in five centres throughout the province. A sixth office serving the Northeast will be added in the near future.

REGION 1

GRANDE PRAIRIE:

		<u>No. of Facilities</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
10809 - 100 St.	Day Care Centres	14	515
Grande Prairie, Alta.	Lic. Family Homes	2	12
T8V 2M7	Nursery Schools	<u>21</u>	<u>441</u>
	TOTAL	37	968

REGION 2 & 3

EDMONTON:

440, 108 Street Bldg.	Day Care Centres	182	7,532
9942 - 108 Street	Lic. Family Homes	40	205
Edmonton, Alta.	Nursery Schools	<u>197</u>	<u>5,430</u>
T5K 2J5	TOTAL	419	13,167

REGION 4

RED DEER:

New Provincial Bldg.	Day Care Centres	18	704
6th Floor, 4920 - 51 St.	Lic. Family Homes	3	14
Box 5002, Red Deer, Alta.	Nursery Schools	<u>23</u>	<u>465</u>
T4N 2J5	TOTAL	44	1,183

REGION 5
CALGARY:

		<u>No. of</u> <u>Facilities</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
#200 Willow Park Centre	Day Care Centres	138	7,486
10325 Bonaventure Dr. S.E.	Lic. Family Homes	44	231
Box 8880, Calgary, Alta.	Nursery Schools	<u>82</u>	<u>2,335</u>
T2J 5R8	TOTAL	264	10,052

REGION 6
LETHBRIDGE:

Sun Centre Building	Day Care Centres	29	1,207
530 - 8th Street, South	Lic. Family Homes	8	45
Lethbridge, Alberta	Nursery Schools	<u>18</u>	<u>336</u>
T1J 2L8.	TOTAL	55	1,588

Information about the Day Care Program can be obtained from:

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