



Creating Child Care Spaces Bulletin

An update on our plan to support Northwest families
November 2008

In May 2008, the Alberta government announced that it was supporting the creation of 14,000 new, quality child care spaces across the province by 2011 by investing \$242 million over three years under the *Creating Child Care Choices Plan*. This plan supports the creation of new spaces in a variety of settings, including family day homes, nursery schools, day cares and out-of-school care programs.

The Northwest Alberta CFSA has a target of 997 new spaces by 2011 and as a key stakeholder in our region, our Board of Directors wants to ensure you are aware of our current progress.

Space Creations as of November 24, 2008

- To date, Northwest Alberta CFSA is in line with the planned targets for creating child care spaces.
- On November 20, 2008, Northwest Alberta CFSA announced the addition of five modulars to increase the number of quality child care spaces in our region. Wembley (two), High Level (two) and Grimshaw are the three communities which will be first to receive modulars.
- In October and November, our region continued to work with school divisions in communities such as Valleyview, Grande Prairie and Manning to set-up consultations and planning to work toward receiving modular units in 2009.
- On November 6, 2008, the Young Men's Christian Association in Grande Prairie received \$61,500 in funding to create 41 child care spaces.
- On October 10, 2008, the Valleyview and District Early Learning and Child Care Society received \$27,000 in funding to create 18 child care spaces.

For more information on the *Creating Child Care Choices Plan* or any services and supports provided by Northwest Alberta CFSA, please contact me at the number provided below.

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