

Fact Sheet for The Day Care Society of Banff selection as an Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Centre

- The Day Care Society of Banff has been selected to receive one of 22 Alberta Provincial Grants to develop an innovative child care model to meet shortages of child care in our communities, particularly family needs for non-traditional work schedules, part time work or school schedules and occasional care for children ages 1-8.
- To be selected as an Early Learning and Child Care Centre, we are recognized as providing quality that goes above and beyond other child care programs. Our original program has served Banff for 42 years and has been accredited since 2007. We implement an evidenced-based curriculum framework developed for Alberta by early learning and child care educators, early childhood academics, and professionals working in related fields. It is designed to foster improved early childhood development outcomes so children get the best possible start to life. These same quality measures are being built into our new program.
- We are partnering with the Banff YWCA to locate our second site on their campus in Banff. It is this site that the grant will support for start-up costs and subsidies for families to make the flexible child care model affordable for families and financially feasible for The Day Care Society of Banff to operate.
- Child care slots were promoted at \$25 per day as part of the grant announcement made by Alberta Premier Rachel Notley on Thursday morning, April 6. This subsidy will be available to families contracting in the non-traditional model at the new site only as this is a pilot project made possible by the Alberta grant.
- Families may fill out interest/waitlist forms now and we will contact them prior to our enrollment period beginning later in April. Priority for enrollment is based on the three key family needs that the grant is intended to make possible. These priorities are:
 1. Need for non-traditional child care days and hours based on work schedules such as hospitality, medical fields and other roles requiring longer work days, evenings and weekends.
 2. Need for part time or flexible child care schedules based on part time work, variable work schedules or school attendance
 3. Need for child care due to long wait times in certain age groups
- We anticipate having the new program open seven days per week with earlier morning and later evening hours than has been available in child care centres in the Bow Valley.. We are shaping days and times based on community input during our enrollment period and will finalize soon.
- The Banff Child Care Centre will remain the quality child care program that has built and maintained a strong reputation for 42 years, serving the needs for full time Monday – Friday child care. We will soon have our new second site, giving us two models in our overall umbrella organization, The Day Care Society of Banff.