

**Salmo Community Forum: Childcare
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What does Salmo need in order to offer the best possible childcare to all its children?

Funding to attract qualified caregivers.	Affordable care.
Available space/ more spaces.	Infant care 0-3
Strong partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, and all levels of government.	Options for type of care, including evenings and shift work.
Local CCRR (Child Care Referral Resource)	Honouring old agreements.
Funding for professional development.	Less duplication of services.

What should the Provincial Government be doing to meet Salmo's childcare needs?

Provide more educational opportunities for people in the field.	Subsidies for training in childcare. 1/6 of every dollar invested yields \$6
Look at horrible wages and lack of benefits for caregivers.	Create a special task force to look at childcare parameters- better funding formula.
Partnership with Ministry of Education and MCFD.	Approx. 50% of Salmo families access subsidies. Will the amounts raise?
Listen to the economists who have studied the benefits of quality childcare.	Look at childcare models in Europe and other provinces.
If you want to stimulate the economy, get parents to work.	Look at affordable, supportive and quality childcare options.