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News Release

Province extends funding for \$25/day child care until June 30

The Government of Alberta is extending the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) grant until June 30, 2020, allowing Wildflowers Childcare to continue offering \$25/day child care for three additional months.

In 2017, Wildflowers was selected as one of 22 child care centres to become an Early Learning Childcare Centre (ELCC). For three years, under the NDP's pilot project, the centre received operating grants to add new spaces, hire more staff and reduce fees to \$25/day.

In a Jan. 17 letter, Wildflowers Childcare was informed that Children's Services is extending the ELCC program in order to allow the government time to "transform the child care system" and "ensure a smooth transition."

"As we have committed to, we are reviewing pilot data and feedback from parents and child care centres to determine a path forward that best meets the needs of families across the province," wrote Tania Brudler, executive director of Children's Services' Early Childhood Development Branch.

The Government of Alberta is currently accepting feedback through its online budget survey: <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultation.aspx>.

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