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## **YMCA of Saskatoon to Add Sixth Child Care Location**

Saskatoon, SK – The YMCA of Saskatoon has been granted its sixth Child Care license in the Aspen Ridge community of northeast Saskatoon. This will help meet the needs of 74 families who need high-quality, licensed childcare.

“Today Premier Scott Moe and Education Minister Dustin Duncan announced that the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada are investing \$28.8 million in funding for the development of new regulated child care spaces. Funding for these spaces is provided through the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement which provides a federal investment of nearly \$1.1 billion over five years for child care in Saskatchewan. A total of 31 communities and 38 organizations will receive funding for new child care spaces providing more access to affordable child care for Saskatchewan families.” Reads the statement from the Ministry of Education.

The addition of this new location which is anticipated to open in late 2023 or early 2024, is expected to help relieve some of the pressures faced by many in the community who are searching for available spaces while utilizing the newly formed Fee Reduction Program for families.

“We understand that families are searching for available spots in the community. Families are under pressure to get into quality care, and at the Y, we are very aware of this. This is one of the reasons we made this application to consider the future of families and the ability to continue to work. We also acknowledge that there will be development stages, hiring and education stages before we can fully offer more information,” says Dean Dodge, CEO of the YMCA of Saskatoon.

In the near future, an announcement will be made by the YMCA about a wait list that is open and fair to all.

The YMCA encourages families to follow the YMCA website at [www.ymcasaskatoon.org/childcare](http://www.ymcasaskatoon.org/childcare) to keep in touch with the updates.

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