

RESPONSE TO PETITION

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Petition tabled by Mr. Pudluk on February 8, 1989

Response by the Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell
Minister of Social Services

STARTING A DAY CARE IN ARCTIC BAY



Your wish to start a day care in your community of Arctic Bay is recognized.

The Government of the Northwest Territories supports the development of child care in order to assist parents to take advantage of employment and training opportunities, and to provide quality child care.

As of the current fiscal year, support will be provided in the form of start-up contribution payments and operating assistance grants. Communities, such as Arctic Bay, are encouraged to apply for start-up assistance by requesting and submitting an application for assistance to the child care section of the Department of Social Services.

Furthermore, additional funding and support is available by making application to the Federal Government's Child Care Initiatives Fund (C.C.I.F.). The purpose of this fund is to develop new services and enhance existing services.

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I would urge the residents of Arctic Bay, or any other community wishing to start a child care centre, to contact the Department of Social Services for assistance and advice on obtaining funding either under the Government of the Northwest Territories or Federal programs, or both.

We wish you every success in your endeavours.