



May 21, 2009

Dear Child Care Operator:

This letter is to inform you that Edmonton and Area Child and Family Services Authority (CFSA) will be delivering the Inclusive Child Care Program directly as of August 1, 2009.

In 2006, Edmonton and Area CFSA undertook a review of Inclusive Child Care and redesigned the service delivery model. Since that time, it has become apparent that the program has to be delivered differently to effectively meet the needs of the communities we serve. As a result, Community Options' Inclusive Child Care Program will end on July 31, 2009 and they have agreed to work with us to ensure a smooth transition in services.

Over the summer months and into the fall, the future plans for the Inclusive Child Care Program will be developed in consultation with the child care community. We value the relationship we have with the child care sector and will continue to consult on how best to deliver inclusive child care. We will ensure that information is shared with child care providers as soon as possible.

We remain committed to ensuring children with disabilities/additional needs are provided with supports in child care environments. The commitment to provide supports will remain regardless of who is delivering the service.

Please continue to direct calls regarding current support needs to Community Options until July 31, 2009. If you have questions or concerns regarding the transition process or future planning for inclusive child care supports, these questions or concerns can be forwarded to the following, for Child Care Operators to Diane Checknita at 780-427-0445; for Family Support for Children with Disabilities issues to Heather Lavoy at 780-644-7276.

Sincerely,

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