

## Alberta Children's Services — *Building Quality Child Care Together: Workbook on Recommended Standards* – Questionnaire

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The *Child Care Licensing Regulation* consultation reaffirmed that Albertans are committed to quality child care. We have carefully reviewed all of the advice we received about each proposed standard to determine if the standard required any changes, keeping in mind that the needs of children, parents and communities must be balanced with the overall goal of improving the quality of child care programs.

Based on the feedback received, 12 standards are being recommended for inclusion in the regulations (please see Section 1 of the Workbook). For the remaining proposed standards, modifications are being proposed. We are pleased to invite you to provide feedback for the **11 standards (Section 2 of the Workbook)** by completing this questionnaire. Your advice will support the development of standards that help us achieve our goal of quality, affordable and accessible child care.

Please take a few moments to review the information in the *Building Quality Child Care Together: Workbook on Recommended Standards*. Then tell us what you think about the 11 recommended standards we have outlined and the modifications being proposed. All feedback from individual respondents will be kept confidential.

You can forward your feedback by **February 4, 2008** in one of the following ways:

- Complete the questionnaire online at [www.child.alberta.ca/survey](http://www.child.alberta.ca/survey).
- Complete the questionnaire and send us your responses by mail:  
Alberta Children's Services  
Child Development Branch  
3 Floor, Sterling Place  
9940-106 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5K 2N2
- Take part in information sessions to discuss the recommended standards in January 2008. The date and location these information sessions will be posted on the website by December 10, 2007. In addition to this web posting, letters will be sent to all child care operators to ensure they have the opportunity to participate.

**Group Sizes Standards**

Do you agree or disagree with the recommended standards:

**#13 - Group Sizes and Ratios – Minimum Staffing, Mixed Age Groups, Supervision and Age Requirements (p. 14)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree that with the recommendation that infants can be cared for in mixed age groups at the beginning and end of the day only gives programs flexibility to accommodate infants and staffing while promoting infant development and safety?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**# 14 – Group Sizes and Ratios -Day Care (p.15)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree that the recommended changes to staff-child ratios for day care centres ensure the health and safety of children in child care?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**#15 – Group Sizes and Ratios - Out of School Child Care (p. 16)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree that the recommended changes to maximum group sizes for out-of-school centres ensure adequate supervision for children in out-of-school care?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**#16 – Group Sizes and Ratios-Preschool (p. 17)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree that the recommended changes to staff-child ratios for preschools ensure the health and safety of children in child care?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you agree that the recommended changes to maximum group sizes for preschools ensure adequate supervision for children in preschool programs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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**Group Sizes Standards**

**Do you agree or disagree with the recommended standards:**

**#17 – Group Sizes and Ratios – Group Family Child Care (p. 18)**

Agree      Disagree      No opinion

Do you agree that the group sizes and minimum staffing requirements for group family child care ensure adequate supervision for children in group family child care programs?

                                          

**Do you have any other comments about the recommended standards for group sizes and ratios? (max 250 words)**

**Staff Certification**

**Do you agree or disagree with the recommended standards:**

**#18 – Staff Certification (pp. 19-20)**

Agree      Disagree      No opinion

Do you agree that a consistent certification system that supports training and education of staff will improve the quality of licensed child care programs?

**Staff Certification**

**Do you agree or disagree with the recommended standards:**

**Do you have any other comments about the recommended standards for certification of staff? (max 250 words)**

**#19 – Child Care Program Manager (p. 21)**

Do you agree with the recommendation to reduce the requirement for work experience from two years to one year?

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| Agree                 | Disagree              | No opinion            |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**#20 – Primary Staff Members- Day Care (p. 22)**

Do you agree with the recommended transition time of four years for preschool programs to have at least one out of every three staff certified as a Child Development Worker or Senior Child Development Worker?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Agree                 | Disagree              | No opinion            |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Do you have any other comments about the recommended standard for the Child Care Program Manager? (max 250 words)**

**Staff Certification**

**Do you agree or disagree with the recommended standards:**

**#21 – Primary Staff Members- Preschool (p. 23)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree with the recommended transition time of four years for preschool programs to have at least one out of every four staff certified as Child Development Assistant and a Child Development Worker?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**#22 – Primary Staff Members - Out of School Child Care (p.24)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree with the recommended transition time of four years for out-of-school care programs to have at least one out of every four staff certified as a Child Development Assistant or a Child Development Worker?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**#23 – Primary Staff Members - Group Family Child Care (p. 25)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Do you agree with the recommended transition time of four years for group family child care programs to have at least one out of every four staff certified as a Child Development Assistant or a Child Development Worker?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Do you have any other comments about the recommended standards for Primary Staff Members? (max 250 words)**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
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Overall, do you agree that the recommended standards strike a balance between improving quality and maintaining affordability and availability of child care?

Do you have any other comments about the recommended standards? (max 250 words)

Tell us about yourself:

Please mark as many categories as apply

- I am a parent or guardian
- I am a child care professional
- I am a concerned citizen
- I work for Children's Services
- I am \_\_\_\_\_

**If you indicated that you are a child care professional, what type of program do you work in:**

- in a day care
- in a drop-in centre
- in a family day home
- in a nursery school
- in an out-of-school care centre
- as a private babysitter
- other (please specify)

**Are you the owner or operator of a licensed or approved child care program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please check the facility that best describes your operation.

- day care centre
- drop-in centre
- approved family day home provider
- approved family day home agency
- nursery school
- out-of-school care centre
- other

Please enter the first three digits of your postal code: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.**