


SUPPORTED CHILD CARE PROGRAM CHANGES

The Ministry for Children and Families is now in its final stages of change for the Special Needs Daycare Program. Your family has been accessing this program for your child, Jeremy Joseph. These changes will impact your situation in the following manner:

1. The Program is now called SUPPORTED CHILD CARE.
2. Supported Child Care is the service which assists and supports families of children who need extra support in choosing a child care setting, and then provides those extra supports to that setting so that your child can be successfully included. The Supported Child Care Program in the Southern Okanagan is provided by Penticton and District Community Resources Society.
3. If your child required child care after July 1, 1998, you **must** make an appointment with your Community Living Social Worker, Darcy Nord at (250) 494-4412. Your social worker will complete all the necessary paperwork to refer your child to the Supported Child Care Program.
4. A premise of the new program is that parents are responsible for the basic child care cost for their children. You may be eligible for child care subsidy and possibly a grant but you must meet with your social worker so they can determine eligibility and administer, if applicable. You will no longer be required to see a Financial Assistance Worker through the Ministry of Human Resources for your child care subsidy.

We realize that this type of change can feel confusing and stressful. It is also difficult to answer everyone's questions in a letter, therefore, it is important that you contact your social worker at the above number and book an appointment. In person they will be better able to answer your questions and co-ordinate the service for your child.

Sincerely,



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