

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN INFORMATION RELEASE



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RDOS participating in regional child care survey

The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) and the District of Summerland, Village of Keremeos, Town of Princeton and Town of Oliver are asking local parents and guardians to share their child care experiences to help create a Child Care Action Plan and Strategy for the region. The survey is part of a broader project that will help the RDOS learn more about child care needs, establish child care space targets and identify actions to meet those targets.

With support from our other local government partners, the RDOS is coordinating the collection of child care data, analyzing how child care is being used, identifying gaps, and assessing future child care needs for the South Okanagan and Similkameen areas. “The survey results will help develop a longer-term child care action plan for the region,” says RDOS Chair Karla Kozakevich.”

To move this work forward, the RDOS is inviting parents, guardians and child-care providers from across the South Okanagan to share their experiences with child care. The survey is open to parents and guardians of children up to age 12, who live in the South Okanagan region (including the municipalities). The only exclusion will be parents and guardians who access child care within the City of Penticton as that survey data has already been requested.

[Please click here to take Parent and Caregiver Child Care Survey.](#)

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and is active until October 19, 2020.

The RDOS has received grant funding to collaborate on regional child care planning project. The initiative is supported by the Province of BC and administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) as part of its Community Child Care Space Creation Program. The RDOS is working with the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC) as well as community partners, to provide a coordinated approach.

In addition to the surveys, SPARC BC is gathering information on existing child-care spaces to create an inventory, assessing the needs through stakeholder engagement activities and will develop a community profile with set targets and recommended strategies.

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For further information, please call 250-492-0237 or email info@rdos.bc.ca

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