



## News Release

### Review underway of Nunavut day cares

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 28, 2000)** – Education Minister James Arvaluk announces a review of day cares across Nunavut by the Early Childhood and School Services division of the Department.

“We are committed to developing and strengthening early childhood programs throughout Nunavut,” Minister Arvaluk said. “These programs need to be rich in both cultural and developmental activities; they must be family-centered whenever possible, and provide a healthy, safe and nurturing environment.”

The review, which will be completed this spring, will establish a database on the current state of all licensed day care facilities in Nunavut. It will also allow the department to examine issues such as staff salaries and benefits, training programs, and funding issues facing day cares.

There are a number of different models of early childhood education programs currently in Nunavut, including about 25 licensed day care facilities.

“Day cares are an important resource for working parents, parents attending school or training programs and parents who want to provide social and play opportunities for their preschoolers,” Minister Arvaluk said. “Once we complete the review, we will establish an ongoing strategy for developing and enhancing the various models of early childhood education programs for preschool children.”

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