



# Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

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## RRDSSAB NEWS

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### Early Learning and Care Initiative - 2004



All licensed non-profit Child Care operators serving children under six years of age in the Rainy River District have been successful in their proposals to receive a portion of the \$32,882.00 one-time funding through the 2003/2004 federal Early Learning and Child Care Initiative. Fort Frances Children's Complex, Fort Frances Private Home Day Care, Fort Frances Nursery School, Atikokan Non-profit Day Care Corporation, Atikokan 2-3-4 Playgroup Inc. and Rainy River Play-school Inc. have all received funding from this initiative. Funding is being used for minor capital improvements and for the purchase of new equipment.

We are hoping that this is just a beginning for new dollars being invested into the Child Care system. Although

one-time funding is appreciated and will benefit the families served in our Child Care Centres, a much needed increase to base funding is essential for all Child Care Services in the Rainy River District.

Child Care Fee Subsidy is available at the following licensed Child Care facilities in the Rainy River District:

Rainbow Centre  
(Atikokan) –  
(807)597-4517

Country View Child Care Centre (Devlin) –  
(807)486-1264

Fort Frances Children's Complex –  
(807)274-5457

Fort Frances Private Home Day Care –  
(807)274-6918

~Kim Gardiman, Children's Services  
Manager

*Reminder:  
Child Care  
Fee Subsidy  
is available*

### Land Ambulance News

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Paramedic Jim Maxey, aged 64 at Riverside Health Care on March 15, 2004. Jim served with the Riverside Ambulance Service for 21 years before retiring in January 2000. His compassion was not only felt in his chosen profession of paramedicine, but after hours in the community as well. He will be missed by his family, friends, co-workers and the community he served so well.



~ Dan McCormick, Land Ambulance Manager

### News Release - Ontario Works

Effective July 1, 2004, the Provincial Government has issued a 3% increase in Ontario Works recipients Basic Need's and shelter



### Child Care Update

#### ***A Child Care Fee Subsidies in the Rainy River District***

If you or someone you know requires financial assistance to cover the costs of Licensed Child Care – help may be available! Child Care Fee Subsidy assists those families whom require Child Care while they are involved in work, school, training programs etc. If available, subsidy can assist those families with children who have special care needs.

Financial assistance may be available to families in the Rainy River District in the following communities:

#### ***Licensed Child Care Sites:***

- Atikokan** – Rainbow Child Care Centre (807)597-4517
- Devlin** – Country View Child Care Centre (807)486-1264
- Fort Frances** – Fort Frances Children's Complex (807)274-5457
- Fort Frances Private Home Day Care Centre (807)274-6918

#### ***Licensed Nursery Schools:***

- Atikokan** 2-3-4 Playgroup Inc. (807)597-1464
- Fort Frances** Nursery School Inc. (807)274-5653
- Rainy River** Playschool Inc. (807)852-3362

**Family Resource Centres/sites** of the Ontario Early Years Centre – offering a variety of parenting/caregiver supports to families in the Rainy River District:

- Atikokan** – Sundog Toy Lending Library & Parenting Resource Centre (807) 597-1481
- Emo** Toy Lending Resource Centre (807) 482-2946
- Fort Frances** Toy Lending & Family Resource Centre (807) 274-8588
- Rainy River** Toy Library & Resource Centre (807) 852-3362
- Child Care Centre of Rural **Stratton** Inc. (807) 483-5319

For more information, please call Kim Gardiman, Children's Services Manager – Rainy River DSSAB at 1-800-265-5349, ext. 20 or 274-5349, ext. 20.

~Kim Gardiman, Child Care Manager

### Ontario Works

The Community Placement Program was up and booming for these spring and summer months with roadside clean ups and community beautification projects on the go.



Currently, the Community Placement Program has a waiting list of projects that organizations want assistance with.

Our big projects consist of our participants assisting with clean ups in Chapple, LaVallee, and Fort Frances. These municipalities have all stated that they were happy with the hard work and effort these volunteers put forth.

Workshops are continually facilitated in the Ontario Works Resource Centre such as WHMIS, Life Skills, Job Club,. Beginning in July, Smart Serve Certification will be available.

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~ Krista Ballard, Employment Support Worker

### RRDSSAB Board Members

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