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Subject: Your press release, Free child care for young parents

Hello Karen and Shawn,

Regarding today's MCF press release, Free child care for young parents builds brighter futures for families, am I correct in assuming that young parents at Sooke's highschool (Edward Milne Community School, our highschool) have no resource available to them? The nearest Young Parent Program is in Victoria (or Saanich, or Brentwood Bay, or Duncan), but I imagine that a Sooke teen (mom) at EMCS wouldn't be able to access these programs, nevermind the transit nightmare even if they could.

Is there anything at all in the Sooke School District? West Shore also seems absent. Together, West Shore and Sooke combined (SD62), are the fast growing area in all of BC.

So, where would a Sooke teen (prob mom) turn to for a similar program, and or similar support?

Thank you,

Britt

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Hi Paula and Nikki,
Are you o.k. with the below response?

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Background

Recommendation

Young parents who do not have access to a Young Parent Program in their community may still benefit from several affordability measures under *Childcare BC*. The fee reduction initiative, launched in April 2018, is providing savings of up to \$350 for parents who have

children in approved licensed child-care providers. To see if there is an approved provider in your community, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-provider-opt-in-status>

In addition, if their family income is less than \$45,000, young parents may be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy. In September, this will be replaced by the Affordable Child Care Benefit, which will deliver increased financial supports to more families.

For more information on these commitments, and others under *Childcare BC*, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care/child-care-improvements>

Young Parent Programs are usually offered by the school district, through child care facilities located on, or near secondary schools that the parents attend. To become a designated YPP facility, providers must:

- Provide a copy of their licence, identifying that they provide child care for infants and toddlers (up to age three)
- Be located in close proximity to a secondary school facility
- And confirm that they provide a parent education program

They must also provide extra supports, as outlined on the YPP webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-subsidy/young-parent-program>

YPPs make a huge difference to young parents, and we encourage any child-care facility or school that would be interested in offering the program to contact the ministry at 1 888 338-6622 for more information.