

BACKGROUND - GOVERNMENT INVESTING IN CARE FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

The Province announced today that it will direct an additional \$17.34 million per year to front-line workers in Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres' (SARC) member agencies and other organizations that deliver critical services to children and adults.

Funding will be targeted to front-line workers in organizations that provide residential as well as direct daily care and in-home supports to adults with intellectual disabilities and/or mental health and addictions issues and children in need of protection. These services include the following:

- **Group homes** are family-style homes that are staffed to provide care and supervision 24 hours a day. Adults with intellectual disabilities are supported to develop social, recreational and daily living skills.
- **Group living homes** provide in-home support to individuals in a group living residence where the residents are responsible for their own basic needs such as rent, food and telephone.
- **Day programs that are connected to residential supports** focus on supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities to develop work, leisure and life skills.
- **Group homes for children and youth** provide care, supervision and assessment/stabilization of youth 24 hours a day. Youth are connected with other resources (education, mental health, etc.), and are provided life skills training and family support and/or re-integration wherever possible.
- **Emergency receiving resources** provide an emergent response for children and youth in care for up to 15 days while case planning with families continues.
- **Intensive in-home family support programs** provide an intensive response to children in need of protection and their families, allowing them to remain in the family home with the support and supervision of the intensive in-home support worker. Service to families is available on an emergent basis during non-traditional hours.
- **Intensive direct service programs** provide services including programming for youth being sexually exploited on the street, outreach, Rapid Intervention for Family Treatment, Supported Apartment Living for families and Emergency Placement Programs.
- **Mental health 24/7 services** provide 24/7 services to individuals with mental health issues, typically through in-home support and supervision in a group or supported apartment living arrangement.
- **Addictions treatment residential services** provide 24/7 support to individuals with substance abuse problems and provide a safe, supportive environment to support recovery from substance dependence.