

## **Backgrounder – Province Moving Ahead on Child Welfare Transformation**

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There are currently more than 900 spaces in the child welfare system, located in more than 100 group homes operated by community-based organizations, First Nation Child and Family Service Agencies and First Nation organizations. More than 400 of these spaces have been developed since 2007. Currently, Government runs only 43 of the 900 spaces. No new government-operated residential spaces for children have been developed since 1999.

The five facilities listed below, currently operated by the Ministry of Social Services, provide services and supports to high-risk youth, including emergency receiving services lasting from one to six weeks to care lasting from one to two years. The goal of these facilities is not to provide long-term care, but to transition children and youth back home or to placements with extended family or foster care.

### **Saskatoon Treatment Group Home:**

**Function:** Long-term care for children between the ages of 13 and 15 years. Children stay between 12 and 18 months.

**Spaces:** 4 (male)

### **Prince Albert Adolescent Group Home:**

**Function:** Emergency receiving service for children between the ages of 12 and 17 years. Children stay between one and six weeks, during which time they are stabilized.

**Spaces:** 4 (male)

### **Eden House, Regina:**

**Function:** Long-term care for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years. Children stay between 12 to 18 months.

**Spaces:** 4 (male)

### **Dales House, Regina:**

**Function:** Emergency receiving service for children between the ages of 12 and 16 years. Youth stay an average of 30 days, during which time they are stabilized.

**Spaces:** 15 (co-ed)

### **Red Willow Centre, Saskatoon:**

**Function:** Assessment and stabilization service for children between the ages of 12 and 16 years. Children stay an average of six months, during which time their needs are assessed.

**Spaces:** 16 (co-ed)