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EMERGENCY CHILD CARE WORKERS NEEDED

North Bay, ON – The demand for child care workers continues to increase along with the demand for emergency child care spaces. To help meet this need, a registry directed at recruiting workers for child care is available on the District of Nipissing Social Services (DNSSAB) website.

While several home child care spaces and 74 centre-based child care spaces are available in North Bay and Sturgeon Falls there is still a need for additional emergency child care spaces in the Nipissing District. These much-needed services cannot be expanded until there are additional child care workers willing to assist in these programs. The need is even more urgent now that the Province has made emergency child care services available to an increased number of front line workers.

With enhanced precautionary measures against COVID-19 in place, additional staff on premises allow for social distancing and smaller group interactions. Due to the nature of the essential workers' shifts, 24/7 care is also required. As the need for child care continues to increase, emergency child care providers are seeking to expand services in North Bay and home child care service in Mattawa.

“The DNSSAB, YMCA Northeastern Ontario, West Nipissing Child Care Corporation and Friends Forever Child Care now have services up and running, but without the required staff, additional spaces can't be opened.” says DNSSAB Chair, Mark King. “This does provide employment opportunities not only for child care professionals but also for students completing programs centred around children, youth and recreation,” he adds.

Interested child care professionals and students are encouraged to go to the DNSSAB website (<https://dnssab.ca/childrens-services/ecc-registry/>) to get further information.

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