

Childcare New Spaces Coming to the East Kootenays



Community	Provider	Status	Infant Toddler	3-5 Years	After School	Total Spaces	Planned # of ECEs	
Canal Flats	Headwaters Academy (previously Village of Canal Flats Daycare)	Funding confirmed. Construction to commence. Expect to be open September 2025.	24			60	4	Will have housing for 4 ECEs at the same time (and more housing next door to come).
Cranbrook	TBD	Planning	48	75		123	25	Cover Architecture have been selected by the City of Cranbrook to prepare an application to the BC ChildCare New Spaces Grant by the end of June 2024. Still looking for an operator <i>Based on other new spaces, CFEK has put in an estimate for ECEs.</i>
Cranbrook	Boys and Girls Club @ Steeples Elementary	Funding confirmed. This is a new build that needs to go out to tender. Expected to be built Spring 2025.			30	30	0	Before and after school care doesn't require ECEs, only responsible adults.
Cranbrook	Stay n Play Association @ Gordon Terrace Elementary	Funding confirmed. Renovation of current space complete. Now open			30	30	0	After school care doesn't require ECEs, only responsible adults.
Creston	TBD	Application / Planning	36	50	24	110	21	21 staff are needed. Ideally they all possess at least the ECE qualification although up to 5 of these positions could be filled with ECEAs, three of them need to be IT for the facility to function at full capacity and one of them is a manager. <i>Potentially adding housing to the construction too.</i>
Elkford	Elkford Women's Task Force Society	Funding confirmed. Renovation of current space. Opening date TBD			24	24	0	After school care doesn't require ECEs, only responsible adults.
Fernie	Elk Valley Child Care Society	Funding confirmed. Building to commence Spring 2025.	48	50		98	23	Working in combination with Elk Valley Family Society to have 26 housing units on top of the childcare. 16 of these will be set aside for those working in childcare in the community.
Fernie	Bright Beginnings	Funding confirmed. Now open.		14	39	53	2	
Fernie		Application / Planning	12	25		37	5	Capital Grant put in by SD5 to go on the grounds of the new Elementary School to be built in Fernie. <i>Based on other new spaces, CFEK has put in an estimate for ECEs.</i>
Invermere	Windermere Valley Child Care Society	Funding confirmed. Construction has commenced.	24	100	24	148	22	After school care doesn't require ECEs, only responsible adults. 22 ECEs includes an ECE to manage the facility, but doesn't include ECEAs or RAs
Jaffray	South Country Social Planning Committee Society	Funding confirmed. This is a new build that needs to go out to tender. Likely won't be complete until September 2025.			30	30	0	After school care doesn't require ECEs, only responsible adults.
Kimberley	Summit Community Services Society	Funding confirmed. Construction complete. Hoping to be operational in January 2025	24	100	24	148	22	After school care doesn't require ECEs, only responsible adults. 22 ECEs includes an ECE to manage the facility, but doesn't include ECEAs or RAs
Sparwood	Society for Kids Care	Planning						Starting a feasibility study to look at taking over some of Mountainview School
			216	414	225	891	124	

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