

Vinland Futures Research and Development Corporation

Report on Daycare survey

Number of respondents: 13

Total number of surveys sent: 44

*Note there was no spot to indicate where the respondents were from and as such, no way to distinguish which communities the survey covers.

Question 1: Do you have children residing in your household that are less than five years of age?

Yes	No
7	6

Question 2: How many children residing in your household are less than five years of age?

1	2	3	4
5	2	0	0

Question 3: If there was a daycare facility in your area, would you avail of the service?

Yes	No
6	1

Question 4: How many children in your household would be placed in daycare if it was available?

1	2	3	4
3	2	1	0

Question 5: How many of these children in question 4 would be enrolled for the full day?

1	2	3	4
3	2	0	0

Question 6: How many of these children in question 4 would be enrolled for after school only?

1	2	3	4
3	0	0	0

Question 7: How many months per year would you avail of this daycare service?

1-3 months	7-9 months	4-6 months	10-12 months
		3	3

Comments:

“I totally think a daycare service is needed but mostly for shift working parents in the area and a select few 9-5s. I work seasonal (summer) and my husband works away so during the summer I would only need a sitter for 3 weeks otherwise I would definitely enroll my child. Good luck!”

“Afterschool and early morning services would be a great asset to the area. Even for older children.”

“My daughter is 5 but I would love to have somewhere for her to go during the summer months, or even after school. If you’d be willing to take children over the age of 5.”

“There is a very big need for childcare in this area.”

“We would need 24hr daycare services to accommodate our family.”

“Summer months I would need a sitter for 3 children (1 & 6) and winter months a sitter for one child (age 1)”

Discussion:

At this time, there does not appear to be enough interest in a daycare facility in the area. Of the forty-four surveys sent out, only six people indicated they would enroll their children in a daycare if available. One person had a child under five years old, and six respondents had no children under five years old. The survey results suggest residents do not have need at this time for a daycare in the area. Similarly, of the six that indicated they would enroll their children, only five children are younger than one years’ old and two younger than two years old. Although survey respondents indicated there is a need for childcare in the area, we did not receive enough support to establish a daycare that would be able to run year-round. As such, this does not seem like an initiative for the VFRDC to pursue.