

2006-2007 Community Resources Staff and Budget Announcements

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Central Office

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Housing Offices

Regina

6th Floor, 1855 Victoria Avenue, Victoria Tower
1-800-667-7567

Saskatoon

9th Floor, 122-3rd Avenue North, Sturdy Stone Building
1-866-245-5758

Prince Albert

10th Floor, 800 Central Avenue, McIntosh Mall
1-800-667-9656

Regional Offices

- Southwest - Regina - 787-3700
Regional Director, **Lynn Allan** - 787-3416
- Southeast - Yorkton - 786-1311
Regional Director, **John Anderson** - 786-1310
- Northwest - North Battleford - 446-7708
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- Northeast - Prince Albert - 953-2345
Regional Director, **Gilles Pelletier** - 953-2575
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To apply for financial assistance:

Saskatchewan Assistance Plan (SAP)
Transitional Employment Allowance (TEA)
Toll Free: 1-866-221-5200
Teletypewriter (TTY) 1-866-995-0099

Saskatchewan Child Benefit (SCB)
Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES)
Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS)
Family Health Benefits (FHB)
Toll Free: 1-888-488-6385
Teletypewriter (TTY) 1-800-683-9052

Child Care Subsidy Toll Free 1-800-667-7155

Important Dates for 2006-2007

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Annual Report -
April 28
National Volunteer Week - April 23 - 29
Early Childhood Intervention Week - April 24 - 29
Children's Advocate Annual Report - May
Missing Children's Month - May
National Aboriginal Day - June 21
Community Resources Annual Report - July 31
Deafblind Awareness Week - June 5 - 11
Spinal Cord Injury & Physical Disabilities
Awareness Month - September
International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum (FAS)
Awareness Day - September 9
Autism Awareness Month - October

Community Living Month - October
Child Abuse Awareness Month - October
Foster Families Week - October 15 - 21
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty -
October 17
Adoption Awareness Month - November
Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation
Centres (SARC) Awareness Week - November
National Child Day - November 20
National Affordable Housing Day - November 22
International Day for Persons with Disabilities -
December 3
National Social Work Week - March

Did you know?

- Our fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31
- There are approximately 2,200 employees in the Department of Community Resources making it one of the largest departments in the provincial government.
- Staff in the department's Contact Centre answer over 20,000 calls each month.
- Since Building Independence started in 1997, 7,800 families and more than 17,000 children no longer rely on social assistance.
- On any given day, there are about 1,500 children and youth in the care of the department.
- Since the release of the Disability Action Plan in 2001, the Saskatchewan government has invested more than \$37 million, including \$12 million this year, in new funding to support people with disabilities.
- The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation manages about \$2.7 billion in public housing assets.
- Most of the department's programs are delivered locally through five regional offices and service centres located in 22 communities across the province.

Program Areas

- Income Assistance
- Child and Family Services
- Housing
- Community Living
- Office of Disability Issues

Budget Highlights 2006-2007 – Community Resources total budget for 2006-2007 is \$603 million.

Income Support Programs

- \$40/month increase to the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan adult basic allowance
- \$1.5 million for Transitional Employment Allowance utility rate allowance increase

- \$50/month increase to Transitional Employment Allowance general living allowance
- \$1.15 million to enhance the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement
- Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement rate increase and inclusion of people with cognitive disabilities
- \$3.6 million increase to child care subsidies

Child and Family Services

- \$6 million increase for children requiring care outside the home, including cost of living adjustment for foster care and assisted adoption
- \$600,000 to support drug addicted youth
- \$700,000 increase for First Nations Child and Family Services

Housing

- \$53.4 million for over 900 new affordable housing units, including more than 90 in the North
- \$13.4 million for rental repair and renovation programs for 1,300 qualifying homeowners and landlords
- \$9 million for programs to help low- and moderate-income homeowners improve energy efficiency

People with Disabilities

- \$25/month increase for people living in approved private service homes, family homes and personal care homes
- Increase of \$2 million for community inclusion and citizenship for people with intellectual disabilities
- \$1.4 million in new funding for Cognitive Disabilities Strategy

Community-Based Organizations – \$10 million as part of the three-year, \$30 million commitment announced in November 2005