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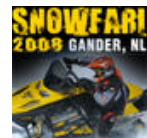
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More on the Foster Care Crunch February 14, 2008

Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones is looking for more details from government on the developing foster care crisis in the province. While an increased number of children are in need of foster care, the number of families available to provide foster care is decreasing. Jones says residents need to know exactly what problems exist and whats being done to address these concerns. Jones questions whether existing government programs are responding to the needs of both caregivers and children. She says its an issue that government needs to put at the top of its agenda.

There are more calls today for the provincial government to loosen the restrictions on foster homes. But one supposed requirement seems to stick out more than others. Reports that children are being housed in hotels and motels, sometimes for weeks, have prompted some people to suggest that it's too difficult for people to become foster care-givers. On VOCM Open Line this morning, one caller said it's absurd that children going into foster care have to be povided with their own bedroom.



Yvonne Jones

