

Keeping our promises. Real progress for families.

Budget 2018 puts Manitoba's economy on the road to recovery and provides a solid plan for making Manitoba the most improved province in Canada.

We're investing in priorities that support families across Manitoba including:

- a \$60.5-million increase in the department's budget over Budget 2017;
- introducing a new, refundable corporation income tax credit, called the Child Care Centre Development Tax Credit, to stimulate the creation of licensed child-care centre spaces in private workplaces;
- investing \$3.3 million to increase the number of new and newly funded child-care spaces, including support for more than 700 new and newly-funded spaces, and funding for new construction in schools and communities across Manitoba;
- providing \$700,000 in new funding toward children's therapy services delivered through the Children's Therapy Initiative (CTI), to reduce wait times for preschool children referred for speech language therapy and occupational therapy services;
- increasing funding by \$35.3 million for child protection delivered through Child and Family Services;
- maintaining Employment and Income Assistance funding, with increased funding for health services and assistance for people with disabilities;
- supporting inclusion with an additional \$4.8 million for the Inclusion Support Program;
- increasing Community Living disABILITY service funding by \$13.6 million to provide a range of services directed at maximizing the independence and productivity of adults with an intellectual disability, adults with a mental disability or disorder in conflict with the law or transitional youth and adults affected by FASD; and
- increasing affordable housing support by \$8.9 million.