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Ranch Ehrlo helping to reunite families

Regina, SK – On September 1st, Ranch Ehrlo Society's Family Treatment Program is expanding to services to more families in need.

The Family Treatment Program works to either prevent the placement of children out of the home or to assist families to unite after having a child in care.

Families from all over Canada come to Regina to participate in the program where therapists and program staff provide intensive in home services to assist them in obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully reunify children in their care.

"We're recognizing the demand to try and service the vulnerable families that we work with," said Patti Petrucka, the program's director. "Before program admission, it is not uncommon that these referred families have used every other community service available and they have not worked."

The program is expanding by 40 per cent. It means 23 families can now access services at the same time. The program is also moving to a new building, tripling the size of its current program space. The move will allow for a larger staffing component and family group space that is required with this increased program development.

"Children often remain in care until they are admitted into our family treatment program, so that's why the expansion is so important," Petrucka explained.

This is not the first time the FTP has expanded. In fact, the program which is also celebrating its 10th anniversary this month has expanded five times.

The Family Treatment Program has impressive success rates, with 66 per cent of families remaining together one year after being discharged.

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