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The city of Imperial will no longer be conducting a survey concerning daycare needs in the community.

Community Development Director Leslie Carlholm said she believes that parents of daycare age children who had recently expressed concern about the availability of daycare have “evidently had their issues resolved.”

She said the issue is nothing to pursue at this time.

The city had posted an electronic survey on its website concerning licensed daycare providers, both asking for input and advertising for providers.

At present there are seven licensed daycares serving about 128 young children. Those include three on-site daycares and four in private homes.

In the fall, Carlholm said mothers approached her with concern about a shortage of daycare. That concern stemmed from two reasons, she said.

One was that one or two daycare providers quit taking care of children, while “it seems like there’s a larger number of small children.”

Carlholm said she will be removing the survey and the daycare job opportunity postings from the city’s website.