



Pathways Family Services *Foster Care News*

"Providing children and families with safety, stability and belonging"

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Pathways office will be closed Friday, April 19th & Monday, April 22nd for Easter. Call 780-499-4175 with any emergencies. Happy Easter!

Open House For Barbara

Thursday, March 21st from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Pathways is sad to announce that Barbara is off indefinitely on medical leave. She will be greatly missed by office staff and families alike.

We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life!

Note that Scott will be covering Training and Michelle will be covering Recruitment for the time being.



Reminder From Training

If you are registering yourself for courses in OLE, you are responsible for printing the certificates and submitting them to Pathways. If Pathways is registering on your behalf, the office will get the notice that training has been completed and we can print certificates for you. Thanks!



Vehicle Registration Reminder

Your vehicle registration will expire April 30th if the last name the vehicle is registered under begins with

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Dreamspeakers International Film Festival

April 26th to May 7th

At the Metro Cinema at Garneau Theater in Edmonton



The festival will feature 12 days of screening outstanding films while celebrating the festival's 25th anniversary. For more information go to: dreamspeakers.org

Events Around Town

Telus World of Science CuriousCITY Early-Child Gallery (Ages 8 & Under)

Grand Opening March 23rd, 11211 - 142 Street, Edmonton

Regular admission applies

Your children and you will get to experience exciting programming exclusively set up to celebrate Telus' World of Science newest gallery, and the new opportunities for kids to explore and experience science through fun!

Children will be introduced to science concepts such as robotics, moon phases, and primary colours as they listen to some favourite science storybooks. Each story is paired with a hands-on activity to help children make real-world connections and give them the opportunity to practice new science vocabulary.

Children will get hands on and be able to conduct their very own experiments, solve exciting challenges, and complete one-of-a-kind science crafts.

Children will be introduced to the specific science of the Edmonton region. They'll use binoculars to look for Alberta's migratory song birds, make Edmontosaurus fossils, and learn how to build strong bridges across the North Saskatchewan.

For more information go to: telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca



Hop to It! Easter Monday at the Edmonton Valley Zoo

April 22nd from noon until 4:30

Regular admission applies

It's an EGG-stravagant Easter event! Hands-on science experiments, crafts, airbrushed tattoos, touch tables, and a scavenger hunt that are all EGG-related! "Get Closer" with various animal encounters and watch as the resident animals of the zoo go on their very own Easter egg hunt!



Deadline for submissions to the May Newsletter is Thursday, April 11th. Call Marla at 780-442-0113 with any information or email marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com

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Contract Year End is March 31st

All receipts for children in your care should be handed in as soon as possible, preferably before the end of March (and before Friday, March 29th! ☺).

PLEASE NOTE: Receipts for Recreation or Vacation/Camp related items that are to be taken from 2018/19 Funds must be dated on or before March 31, 2019 and will NOT be paid to foster parents if they are handed in after April 30th as the region allows only one extra month to bill these costs back. Thanks for your cooperation during this busy time of year.



Calaway Park passes are on sale for \$49.95 + GST. Unlimited use from May long weekend until the park closes early October. For information go to: <https://www.calawaypark.com/season-passes/> Thanks to Lori S. for the information.

Wednesday, March 27th Support Meetings

Spring Tea & Discussion About Successes in Fostering

Times: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Come prepared to talk about the positives of fostering. We also encourage those who have overcome a negative fostering occurrence to share their solutions.

NOTE: In-Service Topics for April 24th TBA.



Policy Reminders: CY-07 & CY-09

Recreational activities are considered to be a necessary component of a child/ youth's healthy development. As such, the Foster Parent(s) are expected to involve the child/ youth in recreational opportunities through regular family activities as well as individual participation in recreational programming specific to the child/ youth's interests.

Recreational funds are intended to cover costs associated with activities such as sports, creative arts or music as well as recreational equipment and supplies.

Foster Parents are encouraged to purchase gently used equipment whenever possible i.e. Sports Central. Prior approval must be granted before reimbursement.

As of April 1, 2011, the maximum compensation is:
\$675.00 for children aged 0 – 11 years old
\$775.00 for children aged 12 – 18 years old



Save the Date:



Pathways Annual Family Picnic is Friday, June 7th.


Watch future newsletters for more details.

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Child/Youth Health & Wellness Reports due for April

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