



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

“Providing children and families with safety, stability and belonging”

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Christmas Party Reminder

Sunday, December 8th from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex
9615 - 153 Avenue, Edmonton

An invitation with RSVP information was e-mailed or snail-mailed to you.

To RSVP, please fill it out carefully

(front for gifts and back for food), then return it to the office.

Take this opportunity to bring your kid's siblings!

Remember to include them when you RSVP for gifts and pizza.

You may also call the main line at 780-488-2444 with your information.

Please note that children 12 and over will receive a movie pass as a gift unless a gift is otherwise indicated.



If you haven't done so yet,
please **RSVP ASAP!**
Hope to see everyone there.

Pathways Office will be closed December 24th to 27th inclusive and January 1st for the holiday season. There will be minimal staff in the office December 23rd, 30th & 31st. Happy Holidays!



In-Service Information

Wednesday, November 27th

9:30 to 11:30 am & 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area

Boys and Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBigS) is a community supported organization committed to the healthy development of children, youth, and their families by providing safe places, positive relationships, services, and opportunities to develop personal strengths and interpersonal skills that enhance their long-term success in life.

BGCBigS Mentoring and After-School programs seek to support vulnerable children and youth challenged by the impacts of poverty. The organization also works in partnership with other community organizations to develop and deliver programs geared to specific populations, such as the immigrant and refugee community, the Indigenous community, and other vulnerable groups (e.g. LGBTQ youth).

BGCBigS currently serves over 5,300+ children and youth with the support of 3,200+ volunteers and 125+ staff. To learn more visit: bgcbigs.ca

Vehicle Registration Dates:

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

K or P

Your vehicle registration
will expire
December 31st if the last
name the vehicle is
registered under begins
with

Me, O or W



Merry Christmas!

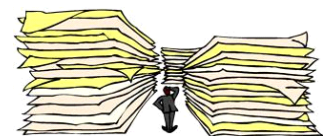
Any child placed in your home after
October 31st may be reimbursed for the
cost of one Christmas gift . Foster
parents should request approval from the
Case Worker or
CSD Worker, and receipts
need to be forwarded to
your Support Worker
for approval.



December is the time for...year end paperwork!

Your Foster Care Support Worker will be bringing out year end paperwork during a November or December home visit. These are processed as follows:

- Two copies of the new contract will be brought out. **Both** foster parents must sign and date **both** copies of the contract. Your FCSW must also sign (witness) both copies. Foster parents retain one copy; one copy is returned to the office for data entry and is then placed on the foster parent file.
- One copy of the sub-delegation will be brought out. A second copy will be placed on the foster parent file.
- A blank copy of the Fire Drill Log will be brought out to record fire drills for 2020. Foster parents should turn in their completed 2019 Fire Drill Log at this time (or prior to December 31st if they have not completed all required fire drills for 2019 at the time of the home visit). The completed 2019 log is returned to the office for data entry and is then placed on the foster parent file. **Thanks to all those who have already turned in their 2019 log!**
- If there are children 12 or over in the foster home, your FCSW will review the Child/Youth Orientation Handbook with them. The child will then sign & date a form indicating they have reviewed the handbook. This form will be returned to the office for data entry and then placed on the child's file.
- This year you will be asked to fill out a new Emergency Contact Form. This will be returned to the office and placed on the foster parent file.





A great **BIG THANK YOU** to all who attended Split Happens!
 Congratulations to the winning Team - Tammy & Mike S, Ann F & Lesley.
 “Twinkle Toes” award goes to Donna C!
 Stay tuned for our next Caregiver Social! Details to Come.

Thanks to all who came out to Bob Cardinal’s Circle of Life & Teachings About Traditional Well-being & Wholistic Ways of Knowing Workshop on October 2nd.

We shared a beautiful day together while receiving traditional knowledge.

Those who are interested in attending a future session, please contact Leona directly.



Aboriginal Educational Resources

To view an on-line national Indigenous Newspaper go to Windspeaker.com

For a selection of Canadian Indigenous films go to nfb.ca - scroll down and click on the link to Indigenous Cinema

To listen to a program in conversational Cree go to cfweradio.ca and click on “Listen Live”
 Join Dustin McGladrey each Saturday at 8 a.m. (Mountain Time) for a one-hour program dedicated to nehiyawewin (Cree language). CFWE-FM wants to share the Cree language with everyone by creating the opportunity for non-Cree speaking people to begin to learn.

Annual Round Dance

Drums - Songs - Dance - Feast - Unity

Saturday, November 30th - 25108 Poundmaker Road, Sturgeon County

5:30 p.m. - Feast 7:00 p.m. - Round Dance

For information contact Libby Szarka, Community Engagement Officer t 780-458-1884, Ext 330



Deadline for submissions to the January Newsletter is Wednesday, December 11th.
 Contact Marla at 780-442-0113 or email marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com

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