



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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Pathways has been notified that our CARF accreditation team will be on site to conduct an evaluation of our foster care program on February 20 & 21, 2020. If you or your family would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Scott or Michelle. This is a good time to remind you to please submit all paperwork by the required deadlines.

Important Message

In-Service Information

Wednesday, January 29th

9:30 to 11:30 am &

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Office of the Child & Youth Advocate

The OCYA will be presenting on it's role in serving young people in the province of Alberta including which pieces of legislation they work with, how they can specifically be of service to young people, and how they advocate for young people in small scale and broad scale government services. Time will be given to walk through specific scenarios or any questions you have about their office.

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 New Year!



University of Alberta Round Dance

Saturday, January 25, 2020

7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Main Gym, Van Vliet Centre, U. of A.

(114 Street & 87 Avenue)

Pay parking at Education, Stadium or Jubilee Car Parks



About the Round Dance Ceremony

The Round Dance ceremony illustrates the Cree philosophy of death and its relationship between us and Spirits. The Northern Lights are said to be our relations that have passed on. The Elders say that the people that have passed on come to dance with us at the Round Dance; in that respect our relatives are always here with us. In this dance people move like the Northern Lights, in an up and down motion as they dance around the drum.

We join hands in a circle and dance clockwise with the drum and singers sitting in the middle. The beat of the drum is like the heartbeat of the community and all members move as one. The Round Dance was a healing ceremony that became a social dance for our people and a dance that is held in the winter season. From the first tuning of the hand drums (by way of fire), to the fun of meeting old friends and making new, a Round Dance is for everyone, children, friends, families, youth and Elders. This is a time to swap stories, catch up on the latest news, break bannock, and share some tea. And even better, to hear both the old and new songs sung by your favorite singers.

It's a time to honor traditions and memories of our ancestors dancing around their starry campfires, flickering against the dark blanket of the night sky.

source: University of Alberta website

Our Cultural Liaison Leona will be in attendance and is happy to meet you there. Feel free to contact her at 780-442-0096

Cree Corner

come eat

pe mîciso
peh MEET soh

speak Cree

nêhiyawê
nay hih YAH way

speak English

âkayâsîmo
ah ka YAH see moe

Dream Catcher Legend (one of several)

Legend has it that all dreams are floating through the air during the night searching for their destination. While sleeping under a Dream Catcher placed near the head, bad dreams are confused and get caught up in the catcher's web, the Dream Catcher holds until the next day. All bad dreams perish in the morning light of the new day. But the good dreams know the way through the web and can easily slip through the center hole. They slide down the feathers, taking on good energies from them. The good dreams can enter the wise dreamer's head, bringing the absorbed energy with them.





Deadline for submissions to the February Newsletter is Monday, January 13th. Call Marla with information at 780-442-0113 or email marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com

Have you submitted your year end paperwork yet?



If your Foster Care Support Worker hasn't done so already, they will be bringing year end paperwork to you during a home visit. Documents 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. The completed 2019 log is returned to the office for data entry and is then placed on the foster parent file.
- 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.
- A new Foster Parent Emergency Contact Information form needs to be completed. It will be returned to the office for data entry, and placed on the foster parent file.

As 2020 is an accreditation year for Pathways, please have this paperwork completed ASAP. See notice on Page 1

I.A.M. Collective

The Indigenous Artisans Market Collective (I.A.M. Collective) is a community of 42 local Indigenous creatives, with members from varying nations across Turtle Island. They operate year-round at the **Downtown Farmers Market**
Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm & Sundays 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
10305 - 97 Street (free parking behind the building)



They can also be found at almost every Edmonton festival throughout the year.



Your vehicle registration will expire January 31, 2020 if the last name the vehicle is registered under begins with: A (except Av), I, J, Ke, U or X

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5	6	7	8 <i>Official Direct Deposit Date</i>	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22 <i>Official Direct Deposit Date</i>	23	24	25 U of A Round Dance
26	27	28	29 <i>In-Service See Page 1</i>	30	31	

Child/Youth Health & Wellness Forms due for January. Due to accreditation, please turn in any outstanding forms. See Page 1. Thanks!