



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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Pathways Office will be closed Monday, February 17th for Family Day. Call 780-499-4175 with any emergencies.



February Support Meetings

Wednesday, February 26th we will be running Support Meetings as opposed to our usual In-Services. We are looking for suggestions regarding which topics would be of most interest to our families. Please email Kristen at:

kristen.bassett-berkiw@pathwaysfamilyservices.com
or call her at 780-442-0095 with your suggestions.

Times for the sessions are the same as usual:
9:30 to 11:30 am & 7:00 to 9:00 pm



Accreditation Update

Pathways Family Services is being accredited by CARF International February 20th and 21st, 2020.

Accreditation is a process that demonstrates that Pathways has met standards for the quality of our services. CARF International established these standards to guide providers in offering their services and also uses the standards to evaluate how well a provider is serving people and how it can improve.

If you or your family would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Scott or Michelle.

Flying Canoe Volant

January 30th to February 1st

Mill Creek Ravine and
La Cité francophone - 8627 Rue Marie-Anne-Gaboury (91 Street)
Events run from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Go to flyingcanoevolant.ca and click on "Festival site map"
for a layout of events and walking times.

Join one of Edmonton's great winter festivals! The Flying Canoe Volant is a creative, interactive, and cultural event that celebrates local history and everything that is great about a long winter's night.

Loosely based on the legend of the Flying Canoe, and on French-Canadian, First Nation, and Métis traditions, the Flying Canoe Volant invites you for a nighttime adventure in Edmonton's French Quarter and along the illuminated trails of the Mill Creek Ravine.



Extending from the Mill Creek Ravine to La Cité francophone, this large-scale community offers something for everyone. In the ravine, you'll step into a magical surrounding as you encounter artistic lighting installations and engage in Métis jigs/reels, bannock making, storytelling, drumming, and conversation. Emerging from the ravine, hop on a horse-drawn carriage towards La Cité francophone. On the way, a community stage, snacks and snow carvings await at Rutherford School. Finish off the night in celebration at La Cité francophone with bilingual musical performances in the cabaret, children's activities, multi-disciplinary Aboriginal artist representations, a winter patio, and a snow slide.

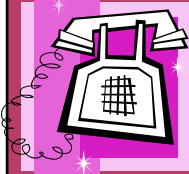


Silver Skate Festival

February 7th to 17th in William Hawrelak Park

Rooted in Dutch winter traditions, the festival combines sport (especially skating), arts and culture, and recreation. Over the years, it has grown in leaps and bounds, from a small skating event to a large-scale, winter extravaganza.

Each year, the festival transforms Hawrelak Park into a winter wonderland with fun for the entire family. Here, you'll discover breathtaking snow sculpture, winter sports, and horse-drawn sleighs carrying families through the park. Sit in a Cree Winter Camp and cook bannock over an open fire. Compete in the winter triathlon or speed skating events. Take in live music and theatrical performances with your friends and loved ones. Go to silverskatefestival.org for more information.



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

Vehicle Registration

Reminder:

Your vehicle registration will expire February 29, 2020 if the last name the vehicle is registered under begins with:



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Do You Know Someone Interested in Fostering?

The following outlines the minimal eligibility criteria as outlined by Pathways and Children Services (Pathways Policy FC - 16):

- Applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age with demonstrated experience with children.
- Applicants must be a resident of Alberta, a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant or have Permanent Residency Status for the past five (5) years.
- Applicants can be single, married or living common-law. Married or common-law applicants should have a stable relationship for the past twenty-four (24) months. Single applicants may be accepted with appropriate support systems.
- Applicants must be free of major illnesses, with no major traumas occurring in the past twelve (12) months, with a positive medical report from a Doctor who knows their medical history.
- Applicants must have a stable source of income, and will not depend on fostering income to meet normal household expenses.
- Applicants must have the ability and willingness to work with natural families.
- All applicants must have up-to-date and clear Criminal Record Clearances with vulnerable sector checks and Child & Youth Intervention Record Clearances. These clearances would apply to all adults in the home.
- Applicants who have not resided in Canada for the last five (5) consecutive years will require international Criminal Record Clearances with vulnerable sector checks and Child & Youth Intervention Record Clearances from previous country(s) of residence.
- Applicants must have valid Emergency First Aid certificates prior to accepting a placement.

**All recruitment calls should be directed to Kristen via
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or phone: 780-442-0095**

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