



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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News, COVID-19 Updates & Reminders:

Child Tax Benefit \$300

The Government of Alberta (GOA) recently sent a message to foster parents about some financial relief that is coming. Happy to report that we are just awaiting final approval to issue you these well-deserved dollars! As you can imagine, there are complicating factors on who is eligible and when, due to the amount of transitions our kids can have. More details are provided in the latest email going out to foster parents. Barring unforeseen circumstances, payments will be included in your August 1st to 15th pay.

Office Updates:

We installed a new MAILBOX! The office will remain closed to the public and we are now keeping the front door locked. There is a sign posted with the new protocol which includes calling the main line when you arrive. When you call we will ask if you can use the mailbox (please put documents in an envelope or plastic bag - no loose receipts), if you do need to come into the office, you will be asked the COVID-19 screening questions. Advance notice of visitors is appreciated.

In-person contact:

Your foster care support team is beginning to resume home visits. The support, health, safety and well-being of our families, kids and staff remain our highest priority. We accept that not all of us will feel the same about risk and worry but we must follow the guidance in regard to in-person contact. In order to visit your home we need to ask you the standard COVID screening questions. Please disclose and re-schedule your visit if anyone in or around your home is symptomatic. While we are inside or outside of your home for a visit we must remain 2-meters apart. Your support team will work with you on how to ensure everyone's comfort needs are met. You are all doing great so far!

REMINDER:

Please report to your FCSW if anyone in your home is sent for COVID-19 screening, we are required to track and report this information.

Receipts & Paperwork:

Please continue to submit your receipts digitally to general@pathwaysfamilyservices.com. With your support teams resuming some in-person contact we are finding that we are reverting to our pre-COVID practices. You and your support worker should continue to work contactless whenever possible and submit your paperwork and receipts by email, mail or drop off. We are starting to work on a new Foster Parent digital portal on our website!

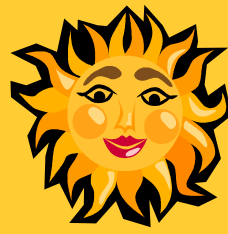
NEW WEBSITE Check us out!

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We are so pleased to launch our long overdue website redesign. Phase 1 concentrated on who we are, what we do and recruitment for new families but Phase 2 is all about you! Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work through the glitches and we are open to your feedback. Forms are now located under the MORE tab until Phase 2 is complete. Special thanks to all our contributors and a great big shout out to Kristen, Scott and Michel Cote. Thanks Team!

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