



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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January Virtual Support Meeting

Wednesday, January 27th

Times: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for our first virtual support meeting! We want to listen to what you have to say! This interactive session will include "breakout" rooms whereby smaller groups of foster parents can interact together while discussing relevant topics on fostering.

\$100.00 Door Prize per meeting is up for grabs and no one says you can't join both!

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th.

Thanks to all who participated in Pathways Vistual Christmas Party. Even though it was different this year... Santa was still able to work some magic!





Pathways Office will be closed Monday, February 15th for Family Day. Call 780-499-4175 with any emergencies.

Your vehicle registration will expire February 28, 2021 if the last name the vehicle is registered under begins with:



M (except Me) or Q

Online vehicle registration is available through the Alberta Government website at: https://www.alberta.ca/vehicle-registration-renewal.aspx

If registering on-line, ensure you allow sufficient time for your registration to be processed and mailed back to you - guidelines are listed on the website.

Deadline for submissions to the March Newsletter is Thursday, February 11th. Contact Marla with submissions by e-mailing marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com

Cree Language Corner

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> duck sîsîp see SEEP



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What is Smudging?

Indigenous Elders have taught us that before a person can be healed or heal another, one must be cleansed of any bad feelings, negative thoughts, bad spirits or negative energy cleansed both physically and spiritually. This helps the healing to come through in a clear way, without being distorted or sidetracked by negative "stuff" in either the healer or the client. The Elders say that all ceremonies, tribal or private, must be entered into with a good heart so that we can pray, sing, and walk in a sacred manner, and be helped by the spirits to enter the sacred realm.

Indigenous people throughout the world use herbs to accomplish this. One common ceremony is to burn certain herbs, take the smoke in one's hands and rub or brush it over the body. Today this is commonly called "smudging." In Western North America the three plants most frequently used in smudging are sage, cedar, and sweet-grass.

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