



# Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

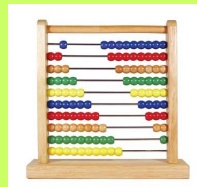
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## Important Contract Year End Financial Information



Our contract year end is approaching quickly (March 31st). We do ask that foster parents submit all receipts, mileage claim forms, training forms, etc. as soon as possible in March in order for us to process as much as we can before contract year end. Remember to submit them electronically to [general@pathwaysfamilyservices.com](mailto:general@pathwaysfamilyservices.com) and to submit as **PDF scans** whenever possible. A reminder that for children from CSD sites or Regions other than Edmonton, Pathways must request approval for items from Recreation, Vacation and Initial Placement Funds.

NOTE: If you wish to utilize any funds that may be remaining for Recreation or Vacation Allowances from the 2022/2023 Contract Year, items must be purchased on or before March 31st, 2023 and receipts must be turned in no later than April 30th, 2023.

***If receipts are handed in after April 30th, we will be unable to reimburse you due to regional billing guidelines.***

PLEASE ALSO NOTE that the cost for any one single item or expense CANNOT be split between the old and new contract years.

Receipts for Recreation and Vacation Fund items that are dated April 1st, 2023 and after will be taken from the new 2023/2024 Contract Year. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call your Support Worker or Marla at 780-442-0113. Thanks!!

In-Service Dates: **Wednesday, February 22nd - 9:30 to 11:00 & 7:00 to 8:30**



Topic: Learning about family connections through food.  
Bring your favorite family dish!

**Wednesday, March 29th - 9:30 to 11:00 & 7:00 to 8:30**

Join us for a Spring Fling!

# Indigenous Languages Corner

## Cree

stand  
nipâwi  
NEE pah way

come here  
âstam  
ah STAHM

sit  
apih  
ah PEE



## Saulteaux

be quiet  
pīsan  
peh ZAHN

stop  
kipičīn  
kih peh CHEEN

look!  
naškē  
nuh SKAY



Pronunciations are approximate. To hear a language spoken and for access to more words, download a language app to a tablet or smart phone. Apps used here are “Maskwacis Cree” and “Saulteaux.”

**Deadline for submissions to the April Newsletter is Monday, March 13th. Contact Marla with information at [marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com](mailto:marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com)**

## Graduation Information



Graduation costs for a child graduating from a junior or senior high program are covered as follows:

Grade 9: up to \$400 for costs and \$100 for a gift

Grade 12: up to \$800 for costs, up to \$200 for photos and \$200 for a gift



*Graduation costs can include graduation attire, hair and makeup, photos, and dinner.*

*Your vehicle registration will expire March 31st if the last name the vehicle is registered under begins with:*  
**B (except for BE) or Y**

# *Do's and Don'ts of Dealing with Disclosures*



## **Do:**

- Believe the child.
- Alleviate the guilt: reassure the child that they are not to blame and that many others have had similar experiences.
- Offer support: thank the child for trusting you and commend the child for having the courage to tell;
- Take your time
- Use the child's words.
- Deal with unrealistic expectations.
- Explain that you have to report it. This is a legal and ethical responsibility. Tell the child exactly who you are telling so that they know that their privacy is protected.
- Contact the child's caseworker and your FCSW.

## **Don't:**

- React with horror, alarm or disgust as this may further traumatize the child.
- Criticize the offender as the child may still care deeply for the individual.
- Promise the child that you will not tell anyone. This explicitly removes your ability to take control of the situation. Remember that the purpose of reporting the maltreatment of a child is to get help for the troubled child and his or her family.
- Ever ask the child why they let it go on for so long, or why they didn't tell anyone before. This implies that the child had control of the situation. The child did not.
- Ask leading questions. In fact, don't ask questions at all, other than "And then what happened?" If this was to go to court, any questions you ask could damage any legal proceedings.
- Put words in the child's mouth. Don't rephrase what a child has said. Just let them tell their story in their own words with the language and terms they feel comfortable with. If you try to clarify or add things to their story, and the police eventually become involved, this can be interpreted as you telling the child what to say.
- Make promises you can't keep. Don't tell the child that "no one will go to jail" or that "yes, he will go to jail" or "I will be with you through the whole thing". Stick to promises you can keep. The investigation process can be a lengthy process and the child may go home long before anything goes to court.
- Attempt to assess the truth of the report by yourself. This is the job of the caseworker and/or the police.

# March 2023




## Pathways Family Services

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| 26 | 27<br><b>March Child/Youth<br/>Month End Reports Due.<br/>Submit via Pathways HUB</b> | 28 | 29<br><b>In-Services</b> | 30 | 31<br><i>Payroll<br/>Cutoff at<br/>Noon &amp;<br/>Contract<br/>Year End</i> |  |
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