



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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CONTRACT YEAR END

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. Submission through Pathways HUB is preferred.

A reminder that for children from CSD sites, 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 2023/2024 Contract Year, items must be purchased on or before March 31st, 2024 and receipts must be turned in no later than April 30th, 2024.

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, 2024 and after will be taken from the new 2024/2025 Contract Year. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call your Support Worker or Marla at 780-442-0113. Thanks!!

Pathways office will be closed Friday, March 29th
and Monday, April 1st for Easter.
Contact the on-call with any emergencies.



Whiskeyjack Art House

#102, 11051 - 97 Street

Whiskeyjack Art House is an Indigenous owned and operated arts boutique that supports Indigenous arts, artisans, and cultural experiences, as well as local businesses that respects the environment and all its living relatives. The gallery space can be rented for small Indigenous cultural and dialogue gatherings surrounded by visual stories of profound Indigenous art, fed by indigenous fusion cuisine.

We value supporting helpful respectful conversations, learning experiences of being a better human relative of the land.

What do we sell:

- Indigenous contemporary art
- Indigenous Traditional arts
- Indigenous made jewelry and gifts
- Indigenous and local sourced products (tea, honey, jams, soaps, blankets)



What else do we do:

- We have art exhibitions that promote Indigenous artists, Indigenous knowing and ways of being
- Indigenous cuisine pop-ups
- Meeting and event space (limit so small numbers)
- Host small learning gatherings on how to be better relatives and human-beings of this land
- Each month we will have how to be a better human teachings from beautiful thinkers

Go to whiskeyjackarthouse.ca for hours and more information



Deadline for submissions to the May Newsletter is
Thursday, April 11th. Send submissions to
marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com.

From Pathways Foster Parent Policy Manual CY-9, Point 7

Participation in Recreational Activities

Recreational activities are considered to be a necessary component of a child/ youth's healthy development. As such, the Foster Parent(s) are expected to involve the child/ youth in recreational opportunities through regular family activities as well as individual participation in recreational programming specific to the child/ youth's interests.



Indigenous Languages

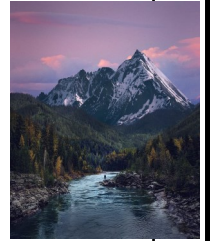
Cree

read
ayâmihcike
eye MIT skay
dance
nimîhto
nee MICH doh
sing
nikamô
NIH ka moh



Saulteaux

mountains
asiniwaciw
a SIN you ah chih
grass
maskosīwan
muh SKO see wan
wilderness
sakwakang
seh KWA kong



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.”

Caregiver Declaration

The new Caregiver Declaration is a JotForm link that will be sent out when your licensing month is upcoming. A separate link for each caregiver will be sent. Please read, sign, and submit the declaration as soon as you receive it. This will act as a contract review and keep your agreement active as your contract is now open-ended. Also note the declaration is required for licensing.

Indigenous Recipe - Dandelion Stir Fry

1 tsp salt and pepper
bacon grease or alternative fat
6 handfuls of dandelion greens
1 lemon

Ingredients:

3 wild onions
2 trout, salmon or bass
white sage (few pinches)



Instructions:

1. Cut and clean fish. Cut into long strips. Chop onion. Slice lemon into thin disks. Wash and chop dandelion leaves. Grease pan slightly with bacon grease.
2. Add fish, onion, 5 - 6 slices of lemon, salt, pepper, and a few pinches of white sage.
3. Let cook about 3/4 of the way and then add the dandelion leaves. Cook until leaves are soft.
4. Add salt, pepper, and sage again.
5. When ready drip on a little bit of lemon juice for taste. Add more grease if sticking to the pan too much.

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| | 1 <i>Office Closed</i>  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| <i>Contract Year End</i> | | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 Direct Deposit Date | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 <i>Payroll Cutoff At Noon</i> | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Direct Deposit Date | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 <i>Payroll Cutoff At Noon</i> |  Submit April Child/Youth Month End Reports via Pathways Hub | | | |
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