



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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**FOR OUR AMAZING FOSTER CAREGIVERS:
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON OF FUN,
CARNIVAL SNACKS, PRIZES, AND ENTERTAINMENT AS WE
CELEBRATE YOU! YOUR DEDICATION AND CARE MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE!
EVERY FAMILY WINS A PRIZE!**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- FOSTER CAREGIVER APPRECIATION WITH PRIZES AND ENTERTAINMENT
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- A BRIEF INFO SESSION ON BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT FOR GUESTS
- MEET AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES & EXPERIENCED CAREGIVERS
- POTENTIAL FAMILIES CAN SIGN-UP FOR TRAINING AND START THEIR FOSTER JOURNEY

FUN FAIR HOSTED BY PATHWAYS AND MOUNTAIN PLAINS

For Future Foster Caregivers:

Know someone who's curious about fostering? Bring them along! They'll enjoy games, meet experienced caregivers, and get an introduction to the fostering process with a brief information session. It's a fun way for them to learn how they too can make a lasting impact in a child's life.

We are growing and have chosen to invest in you, our caregivers, to help us realize our vision of growth and expansion. You have always been our best recruiters and the families you refer have the advantage of learning from all sides of your experience. In addition to the \$750.00 honorarium you will receive for new homes who become licensed, at this event for each family/individual you bring, you will also be entered into a draw for the **grand prize**. The winner will be announced via Facebook Live at the end of the event. While we hope these incentives inspire you to invite everyone you know, we do ask that you bring *ONLY* those guest who are interested in fostering.

**Deadline for submissions to the April Newsletter is
Wednesday, March 12th. Send information to**

marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com

**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. Submission through Pathways HUB is preferred.

If receipts are received after noon on March 31st, they will not be processed until April.

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 2024/2025 Contract Year, items must be purchased on or before March 31st, 2025 and receipts must be turned in no later than April 30th, 2025.

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, 2025 and after will be taken from the new 2025/2026 Contract Year.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call your Support Worker or Marla at 780-442-0113. Thanks!!

Foster Care Support Worker backup partners

The following Support Workers provide backup for each other:

Jacqueline and Karen

Jessica and Andrea

Lindsay and Lee

If your FCSW is away, please contact their backup for support.



Legends of the Northern Sky

Featured in the Zeidler Dome in
Telus World of Science

Included in price of general admission

For thousands of years, humanity has gazed up at the stars in wonder, searching for truth, understanding, and insight. With that infinite canvas spread out before us every night, it is no wonder the stars served as a foundation for exploring human nature, and a mechanism for looking back at ourselves.

Embark on a journey with the Indigenous peoples of the western plains of Canada and share in their wisdom conveyed by the stars.

Alongside Ocek, the fisher, and his band of animal friends, audiences take a dangerous expedition south to retrieve summer and return it to the frozen north. To the Plains Cree, Ocek was forever running across the night sky, ensuring the arrival of summer after the cold, perilous winter.

Learn how the great bully, the giant bear Mista Maskwa, was finally tamed by a brave band of birds. This adventure is mapped in the stars as the birds chase Mista Maskwa every night, keeping us safe from his foul temperament.

The Indigenous people of North America connected with the night sky in fundamental ways that resonated with their world. In Legends of the Northern Sky, we learn and appreciate their stories in the stars and in turn, learn a little bit more about the spirit that connects us all.



Indigenous Languages Corner

Cree

vegetables

kiscîkanîsa

kiss ti GAHN suh

fruit

wihkacikewina

wee kaht SKOH nuh

milk

tohtôsâpoy

toe TOE suh poi



Saulteaux

pretty

onisisi

oh NIH sih sih

slow

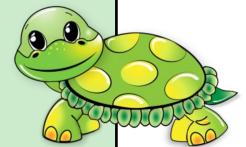
pēpēskā

puh PEA skah

sleepy

nipa

nih PAW



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."

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9	10	11	12 April Newsletter Deadline	13	14 Payroll Cutoff At Noon	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Submit Child/Youth Month End Reports via Pathways HUB</div>						
30	31 Payroll Cutoff At Noon					