



# Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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Pathways office will be closed  
Friday, April 3rd and Monday,  
April 6th for the Easter Break.  
Contact the on-call with any emergencies.



## Accreditation Update

Pathways was surveyed for accreditation

March 2nd to 4th.

We are pleased to announce we've been awarded the maximum of three years by CARF International.

Special thanks to Kaylem, Catherine, Toya, and the

Pathways survey team!

Congratulations Pathways!



## Contract Year End is March 31st

All receipts for children in your care should be handed in as soon as possible **before** the end of March.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Receipts for Recreation or Vacation/Camp related items that are to be taken from 2025/26 Funds must be dated on or before March 31, 2026 and will NOT be paid to foster parents if they are handed in after April 30th as the region allows only one extra month to bill these costs back.

Thanks for your cooperation during this busy time of year.

# Children's Vision Fact Sheet

- source Alberta Association of Optometrists



*Parents are encouraged to have their child's eyes examined:*

- At 6 months of age
- Again by the age of 3 years
- Before they start school
- Regularly throughout their school years.

*Why should a child have their eyes examined when they are so young?*

- Some vision problems are ONLY treatable if they are detected and corrected in the child's preschool years.
- 80% of learning is visual!
- Most vision problems in children go undetected by parents and/or teachers.

*What if a child has had a vision screening and has 20/20 vision?*

- A 20/20 score means only that the child can see at 20 feet what he or she should be able to see at that distance. It does not measure any of the other vision skills needed for learning, nor does it tell you anything about their eye health.

*A complete eye exam by an optometrist is the only way to be sure and should include:*

- A review of your child's health and vision history.
- Tests for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, colour perception, lazy eye, crossed-eyes, eye coordination, depth perception and focusing ability.
- An eye health examination.

Refer to Pathways Policy CY - 10 for the minimum requirements for child/youth medical, optical and dental care.

## Indigenous Languages Corner

### Cree

ceiling  
**waskicihtak**  
wask-CHEE-duk

wall  
**nakihtak**  
na-KEE-duk

floor  
**anaskanihtak**  
ah-na-SKA-nee-duk

### Saulteaux

seven  
**nīwahso**  
NEE-saw-suh

eight  
**nihswahso**  
NEE-swa-so

nine  
**sankahso**  
SANG-kah-so



*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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