



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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

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Pathways Office will be closed Monday, May 18th for the long weekend. Contact the on-call with any emergencies.



Foster Parent Recruitment Information Sessions

Our recruitment team is excited to bring back monthly foster parent information sessions with in-person and Zoom attendance options! Please share the following dates with anyone who might be interested in learning more about being a foster parent with Pathways:



- Monday, May 11th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (in-person & Zoom)
- Thursday, June 18th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (in-person & Zoom)
- Tuesday, July 21st from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (in-person & Zoom)

To register, anyone interested can [fill out this form on the Pathways website](#) and they will be contacted with a confirmation email!



From Alberta Children and Family Services Memorandum dated March 19, 2026

Alberta's government recognizes the unwavering dedication of foster caregivers in providing children and youth with the stability, support and care they need to thrive.

With deep appreciation for the crucial role you play, I am pleased to share that effective April 1, 2026, the caregiver rates are again increasing by 2% as per the Caregiver Rate Schedule. The caregiver rates will increase on an annual basis based on the "Alberta escalator" as defined in section 44.2 of the *Alberta Personal Income Tax Act*.

Caregivers will receive:

- 2% increase to the basic maintenance per diem (foster, kinship and supports for permanency caregivers);
- 2% increase to the \$2.76 babysitting/relief per diem (foster and kinship caregivers); and
- 2% increase to the skill fee per diem rates for all age groups (foster care only).

We understand that caregiving comes with unique challenges and responsibilities, and we are committed to supporting you in meaningful ways. This rate increase is part of our ongoing effort to acknowledge your dedication and ensure you have the resources needed to support children and youth in the care of Children and Family Services and continue to provide stable, nurturing care.

The new rate increases will commence on **April 1, 2026**, and will be processed by your agency.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your caregiver support team.

Yours truly,

Kim Newell, Interim Executive Director, Edmonton Region Children and Family Services

International Children's Festival Of the Arts May 29th to June 1st in St. Albert

For over forty-five years the International Children's Festival of the Arts has transported kids to other worlds and provided them with countless awe-inspiring and mind-growing experiences. Over the years, the Festival has nurtured, inspired and ignited the imaginations of hundreds of thousands of young, global citizens and worked diligently to promote a higher degree of cultural understanding and creative expression. At the Festival, children will be inspired by world-renowned and international artists, sing and dance to world music, interact with roving artists, listen to stories of others' experiences and faraway places, and create their own masterpieces with the help of a multitude of hands-on activities. In 2026, the Festival will once again bring opportunities to laugh and learn while creating lasting memories that draw families, friends and communities together.



For more information and the purchase tickets go to
<https://stalbert.ca/exp/childfest/>



Community Fire

April 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Riverdale Hall - 9231 - 100 Avenue
Hosted by CURA and Kyle Campiou
(Indigenous Cultural Helper)

You are invited to come and make your own tobacco offerings or prayers and or spend some time in connection and reflection with each other in "Sharing's" with our grandfather fire. Kyle will lead us and answer any questions.

Teaching will start at 11:15 am, but you are welcome to drop in as your schedule permits. Light lunch will be included. Please bring warm clothes (blanket), a lawn chair, and a willingness to abide or support protocol and cultural experiences.

The Community Fire will be held rain or shine.
Indoor space will be available.

Foster parents were previously sent an email with a link to register. RSVP by April 23, 2026.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Faye R on April 1. Over 20 years Faye faced her illness with remarkable strength, positivity, and resilience, overcoming it time and again with quiet determination. Faye will be remembered as a kind and dedicated foster caregiver who created safety, compassion, and belonging for the children in her care. Her impact will live on in the many lives she touched, and she will be deeply missed.

Indigenous Languages Corner

Cree



shirt
pakôwayân
pah GO way ahn

blouse
pihcônes
PEEH choo nays



coat
miskôtakây
miss KOH dah kay

Saulteaux

ten
mitahso
mi DA so

1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9

eleven
mitahso ahsi pēšik
mi DA saw sih pay sik

twelve
mitahso ahsi nīs
mi DA saw sih nees


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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2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 <i>Direct Deposit Date</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>Recruitment Session See Page 1</i>	12	13	14 Payroll Cutoff At Noon	15	16
17 	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Direct Deposit Date</i>	26	27	28 Payroll Cutoff At Noon	29	30
31	Submit May Child/Youth Month End Reports via Pathways Hub					