



July Newsletter 2016



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Dates to Remember:

Invoice due date: Thursday, July 21st, 2016

In-Service Date: Monday, July 25th, 2016. Topic TBD. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details!

Zoo Day: Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 @ 9:00am. We will have a small snack for the providers who do come, so please RSVP by **August 1st!** Please be aware that the agency is not covering the cost of zoo passes; you can ask the parents if they have the annual zoo passes, or you could ask the parents to pay for admittance into the zoo.

Parents and Providers are welcome at all of our in-services!



Build and Grow Clinics



Build a Birdhouse

Saturday, July 9th, 2016

Recommended: For children from grades two to five. What Kids Will Take Home: The toy they made, a merit certificate, name tag, apron

and goggles. When Clinics Are Held: Once a month at 10am at every store. How to Register: In advance in-store either at the Customer Service booth or through a Store Associate.



Ice Age Bowling Game.



Join our hands-on workshop and you and your child can create a cool Ice Age: Collision Course bowling game. Once the game is built, your child can decorate it with stickers of characters in the new Ice Age movie.

All kids get to keep their craft, receive a FREE certificate of achievement, a Workshop Apron, and a commemorative pin while supplies last.

Children must be present at the store to participate in the workshop and receive the kit, apron and pin.



From the desk of Susan: Director

Summer is here and that means children are ready to head outside! Make sure to keep them hydrated, apply sunscreen and keep their hats on. Take your regular toys outside for a change - building Lego towers on the grass or race cars in the dirt.

The Agency is hosting their Annual Picnic August 18th (in support of the Make a Wish Foundation) and we are excited that PedalHeads will be joining us on location to share in the fun and to give us a sneak peak at the HeroHeads programming. The picnic is a free event, with snacks and fun provided for families and Providers!

Providers (and Parents!) do you know of someone operating privately? Do they know about the choice to become Approved? Please tell them about us! Referral bonuses available for Parents and Providers that help us connect with new Dayhomes.

Late Pick Ups—please ensure to communicate late pick ups as soon as possible. If parents are late to pick up Providers may charge a late fee, late pick up times must be noted cell phone or internet clocks to maintain accuracy and consistency.



From the desk of Louise: Parent Accounts Manager

Summer is here!! Yay!

I should have received all changes for summer fees by June 23rd.

Now it is...any children starting Grade One in September? Are there changes to fees for September?

Please have all changes for September in to me by August 24th to ensure proper payment in September.

Enjoy the sunshine and have a great summer!



From the desk of Laura: Invoicing

Welcome Summer!

Something new that we are trying out starting in July is sending out confirmations (from your consultant) for receiving invoices. This should be happening a few days after the due dates. Check your emails / voicemails to ensure that your paperwork is coming in on time.

Keep your eyes peeled to the newsletter over the next few months for a paperwork in-service for October. Please plan to attend this in-service if you have not yet attended one yet. We will discuss holidays, days off, etc.

What Parents are Saying

About: Santhoshya T.

Even though B [has] only been attending Santhoshya's day home for a few months...I'm happy with the changes I've seen in him. Prior to joining the day home, he was lacking some of the language to express himself, which led to a lot of frustration and ultimately, crying. Not only is he speaking more clearly at home, he's very polite- which is having a great impact on his younger sister. I think he's still [a] bit shy to speak more at Santhoshya's, but I can tell that he is absorbing a lot from the others...I'm also happy to see him running excitedly into the house when I drop him off. That has been a huge relief!

What Parents are Saying

About: Christine A.

To be honest, I'm very satisfied with Christine so far. She is very organized and always updates me on how K spent his day. She is quite easy to work with. There have been a couple instances where I was running late to pick him up and she was very understanding in that regard.

What Parents are Saying

About: Dammi W.

I can honestly say when we leave our child with her we know she is in great hands. Dammi treats T like her own daughter and always goes out of her way for us! She always ensures she gets enough activity in the day, interaction with other kids, the right foods and right amount of sleep! We've watched T flourish into a little person with a great personality and very smart! I attribute this to Dammi! T was potty trained early and she helped us get rid of her bottles and soothers! We couldn't have done it without Dammi!!!



Happy Birthday to our providers celebrating a birthday this month!

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| Shelby | Fareha |
| Lavone | Hani |
| Shenaz | Shafqat |
| Sandra | Louise |
| Ayesha | Sihasanie |
| Maricela | Sinder |
| Olive | Sylvie |
| Elizabeth | Dana |

What Parents are Saying

About: Odette O.

Odette is wonderful and I am so happy that we are part of her day home. She provides B with excellent care. She is so gentle, kind, patient and lots of fun. The activities she does with B are not only great fun but also have a great purpose whether it is getting exercise or teaching B a skill. Odette goes above and beyond. It is obvious she has a great love for children. Her home is very warm and a comfortable environment. We are in the process of toilet training B and Odette has really partnered with me on this and has been such a huge help.



Do you have any Suggestions for the agency?
Please send any suggestions to Susan at susan@calgaryfamilydayhomes.com

Accreditation Reminder of the Month

Find the Accreditation Standards here:

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/accreditation-standards.pdf>

Standard 2.1: Child care programs incorporate inclusive approaches that respect children's diversity and value children's individual needs and backgrounds.

Inclusive approaches to foster all types of diversity;

- Incorporate experiences and cultural backgrounds of children in daily program planning
- Support diversity, ensuring there are appropriate materials, equipment, and resources to meet the needs and interests of all children
- Incorporate inclusive practices to involve all children in the program (your home)

How can we see this in your homes?

- Displays and activities reflect the cultures of the families attending the program
- Plan incorporate family preferences, activities, and interests
- Evidence the program values people of all ages—young children, middle aged people and elderly individuals
- Evidence the program provides multiple choices for children, regardless of their differing levels of abilities
- Encourage all children to include children with diverse needs in their conversations and play

NEW THIS MONTH

Prevent it! A workshop for Taking Action to Stop Child Sexual Abuse

<http://littlewarriors.ca/prevention/workshop/>

Training Sessions / Workshops in the Community

For information on workshops and training sessions help by Alberta Health Services please visit their website at:
http://fcr.albertahealthservices.ca/course_registration/public_course_list.php

Heart of South Calgary Family Resource Centre

They offer lots of free classes that are drop in or registration - call (403)219-3477 ext 213 or email
aksio@aspenfamily.org

Training Sessions / Workshops in Chestermere

www.chestermere.ca > Town Services > Community Services > Programs For 0 - 5 Years Old

YWCA Parent Link Corridor

Visit the YWCA Calgary Website for more information on their upcoming workshops and newsletters.

For more information on upcoming programs call: (403) 262-0497

All workshop and trainings held at the YWCA Parent Link Corridor. 320-5th Avenue SE

Professional Parenting

Professional Parenting puts on FREE Webinars each month. Visit this website for more information:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=76d6a00c-38a1-4565-8ef3-89260d365d6d&c=e55cfd40-bf12-11e3-9cb2-d4ae5292c4bc&ch=e63f46f0-bf12-11e3-9d09-d4ae5292c4bc>

Mobile Adventure Playground

A space for kids to play in a new way.

The City is piloting a free, mobile adventure playground in five city parks this summer: North Glenmore Park, Canyon Meadows, Canmore Park, Riley Park and Forest Lawn. The playground will rotate on a weekly basis, starting June 24 until October 1.

The playground will also be featured at various City Unplug 'n Playevents and community play days throughout the summer. Check with your Community Association for play days in your area.

Weekly Schedule

The playground is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On-site program staff will serve as play ambassadors, who will supervise but not direct or facilitate play. Parents are encouraged to watch their children play and see how their imaginations soar in this new adventure play space.

Note: The dates and times listed below are weather permitting and may be subject to change.



Photo credit: play:groundNYC

Jul 6 - 9: Canyon Meadows: 844 Cantabrian Dr. S.W. (beside Canyon Meadows Community Centre)

Jul 13 - 16: Canyon Meadows: 844 Cantabrian Dr. S.W. (beside Canyon Meadows Community Centre)

Jul 20, 22 & 23: Canmore Park, 19 St. & Chicoutimi Dr. N.W. (beside spray park)

Jul 27 & 29: Canmore Park, 19 St. & Chicoutimi Dr. N.W. (beside spray park)

Aug 3, 5 & 6: Riley Park, 800 12 St. N.W. (beside wading pool)

Aug 10, 12 & 13: Forest Lawn Athletic Complex, 4808 14 Ave. S.E. (on 52 St. S.E. between 8 Ave. S.E. & 14 Ave. S.E., beside tennis courts)

Aug 17, 19 & 20: North Glenmore Park, 7305 Crowchild Tr. S.W. (west entrance near snowy owl picnic site)

Aug 24 - 27: North Glenmore Park, 7305 Crowchild Tr. S.W. (west entrance near snowy owl picnic site)

Aug 31: Canmore Park, 19 St. & Chicoutimi Dr. N.W. (beside spray park)

Sept 1 & 2: Canmore Park, 19 St. & Chicoutimi Dr. N.W. (beside spray park)

Sept 9 & 10: Canyon Meadows, 844 Cantabrian Dr. S.W. (beside Canyon Meadows Community Centre)

Sept 16 & 17: Forest Lawn Athletic Complex, 4808 14 Ave. S.E. (on 52 St. S.E. between 8 Ave. S.E. & 14 Ave. S.E., beside tennis courts)

Sept 23 & 24: North Glenmore Park, 7305 Crowchild Tr. S.W. (west entrance near snowy owl picnic site)

Sept 30: Canyon Meadows, 844 Cantabrian Dr. S.W. (beside Canyon Meadows Community Centre)

Oct 1: Canyon Meadows, 844 Cantabrian Dr. S.W. (beside Canyon Meadows Community Centre)

For more information visit the City of Calgary Website:

<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Adventure-Playgrounds.aspx>

What are our Providers doing?

Do you have some pictures you want to share? Email them (No children's faces please) to your consultant!



PROVIDERS:

Do you have any suggestions / interests that you are needing help planning for? Send your ideas to Danielle at danielle@calgaryfamilydayhomes.com for them to be added to an upcoming newsletter!

Fundamental Movement Skills

Ocean / Sea themed Yoga

Activities Involving Provider Participation

Make a sand castle (at the beach or in the sensory table)

Books

“At the Beach”
“Pete the Cat; Pete at the Beach”
“Beach Day”

Problem Solving/Math Skills

Ocean Zones Water Bottles

Nature Exploration

Visit a beach (in your community or Sikome lake). What kinds of things can you find there?

Fine Motor Activities

Indoor

Sand Clay Hand Prints
Color matching jelly fish

Outdoor

Feed the Shark (Bean Bag Toss or Alphabet Game)

Current Interests & Goals

Beach & Under the Sea

Go ahead and use this sample as part of your Activity Planner—just make sure to adjust it to meet your day home’s needs

Dramatic Play

Set up an area in your home like a beach - have the children dress in “beach” clothes one day and have a picnic in your beach set up!

Language Activities

Ocean song
Lobster song
Down by the Bay (Where the Watermelons grow)

Gross Motor Activities

Indoor

Soda Bottle Pirate Ship

Outdoor

Walk like a crab
Seal Clap

Creative Arts

Crab wood cut outs
Cupcake Liner Octopus Craft

Sensory Play

Sand play dough
Seashells in the sensory table

Health Canada Recalls: IKEA Recall: Parents Are To Stop Using These Gates Immediately

June 23, 2016

STOCKHOLM -- Swedish furniture retailer IKEA is recalling children's safety gates because the locking mechanism is unreliable and may result in injury to children.

The company urges customers with any model of Patrull safety gate to immediately stop using them and return them to an IKEA store for a full refund without proof of purchase.

IKEA said Thursday it has received reports that the gates have opened unexpectedly, causing children to fall down stairs, with medical attention needed in some cases.

IKEA, a leading global home furnishings group, has more than 300 stores in 27 countries. It said the company has zero tolerance regarding child safety and that the faulty gates had opened despite "approved tests to applicable standards."

For more information visit: http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/06/23/ikea-recall-patrull_n_10633402.html?ncid=tweetlnkcahpmg00000002



Websites to Visit

<http://www.calgaryfamilydayhomes.com/providers.php> Visit our website and fill out our provider survey

www.foothillsnetwork.ca Early Childhood services available to parents and communities within the Foothills Region

www.aelcs.ca Accreditation for Early Learning and Child Care Services

www.child.alberta.ca This site accesses programs and services in Alberta's government monitored child care industry. Find the Family Day Home Standards Booklet on the website.

www.parentsmatter.ca This site provides information relating to parent-child development through the Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs.

www.zerotothree.org A great site to get developmental, researched information on children age zero to 3 years of age.

www.mentoringboys.com This Canadian site focuses on boys and their unique needs. Check out their monthly newsletter for some great information.

www.positivediscipline.com This website looks at what is positive discipline.

www.familyfuncalgary.com This Calgary website links you to current family events offered in the city.

<http://www.2000days.ca> This website is a network of resources to connect people working in Early Years

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page2929.aspx>. Nutrition information for children of all ages.

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