



June Newsletter 2015



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Dates to Remember:

Invoice due date: Monday, June 22nd, 2015

In-Service Date: **Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 at 7:00pm.** This in-service will focus on how to complete your Provider Invoice, Children's Attendance Records, and Provider Support Funding Forms. We will also be reviewing: back up care, holidays, unavailable days and late fees. This in-service is extremely important as we will be reviewing and clarifying forms that are connected to you receiving your fees, provider support funding and your responsibilities. There have been inconsistencies noted over the last several months and in some cases collection of fees has been affected. Please plan to attend this meeting!

In-Service Date: **Monday, June 22nd, 2015.** We have Keri from myspeechparty.com for an inspiring and interactive presentation, complete with practical take-away ideas, and time for addressing your questions that relate to the topic, Developing Strong Communication Begins at Preschool age. You will learn; why communication interactions with children are so important; how communication interactions work; what's the best way to join in and start a "communication party" with a child

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



Teddy Bear Picnic
Thursday, August 13th, 2015
5:30pm - 8:00pm (snacks provided)
Applestone Park (Applewood Drive SE)

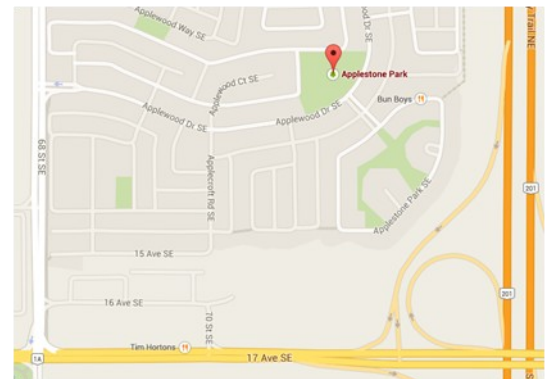


You are invited to our First Annual Teddy Bear Picnic in Support of the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Bring a new, unwrapped teddy bear for the Children's Hospital (Extra Teddy Bears will be on site for purchase of \$2)

Come out and help up support all the amazing work done by the Alberta Children's Hospital!

Day Home Providers, Families, Friends and Neighbors are all invited to come to this special night!



From the desk of Susan: Director

Summer can mean a lot of changes in dayhomes. If you are looking to fill some spaces please ask your Consultant for ideas, or send me an email and I will post your information on our Facebook page. Providers, please make sure you do NOT post children's pictures on Facebook.

Some great things coming up this summer starting with our Teddy Bear Picnic in August and finishing with our Provider Appreciation September 28th. If you have any suggestions for September please let me know by end of June so I can try and incorporate it into the plans.

Remember with summer holidays please make sure that parents have as much notice as possible. The Buddy List is updated monthly and is a resource for Providers to help parents find back up care (if extra help is needed please contact your Consultant). The Buddy List can also be used to help arrange carpools and play dates; summer is a great time to network with other Providers in your area!

Parents should be supplying sunscreen and hats for the summer weather. Make sure to keep hydrated while you enjoy all your playground time with the children. Field Trip forms must be filled out before Field Trips, and feel free to invite your Consultant along!

Scholastic Book orders do not run through the summer so make sure to get your June orders in by June 30. Scholastic Book orders begin again in September, and to kick them off we will host another Book Fair !!! (September; 24-27 public and September 28th; providers only exclusive



From the desk of Louise: Parent Accounts Manager

Summer is fast approaching!

Are fees changing for the summer? Are children in care?

Any changes etc. for the summer must be received no later than June 19th!

Do you have questions about how your invoice, attendance and provider support funding should be filled out? Questions concerning back up care, holidays? If so we will see you June 10th!

Also a reminder, if children are absent for more than 3 days please update the office, it may affect your invoice!

Exploring the Outdoors with your 5 Senses

Sense of Sight: Use a cutout paper plate so you can look through and see the many different things there is to see in nature. You can also use toilet paper rolls to create binoculars



Sense of Sound: What are the different sounds you hear in nature? What happens when you hit sticks against tree branches? Does it make a different sound if the tree is laying on the ground versus still standing?

Sense of Smell: What are the different smells that you find on your nature walk? What do the trees smell like? What about the rain? How do the different flowers smell? There is a game where you can take cinnamon with you and sprinkle it around getting the children to find out where you 'hid' the cinnamon

(<http://www.howweelearn.com/exploring-the-sense-of-smell-5-senses/>)



Sense of Taste: Buy some fresh herbs (ex basil, mint), or fruit (ex. apples, berries) and encourage the children to talk about what these taste like. Do you have a garden at your home? Have some food planted that the children could eat during is activity to encourage the discuss about taste

Sense of Touch: There are so many things to touch and explore in nature. How do these feel? Bring some play dough along with you to make some imprints on the trees or anything with a texture. (You can also create temporary nature collages with this play dough and the items collected from your walk!)



<http://www.howweelearn.com/five-senses-activities-kids-outdoors/>

Accreditation Reminder of the Month

Find the Accreditation Standards here: <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/accreditation-standards.pdf>

Standard 1.3: Child care programs incorporate well-designed physical indoor learning environments to foster the optimal development in children

Indicators include:

- Arrange the indoor space in a way that meets the diverse developmental needs of the children
- Design stimulating and interactive environments, ensuring the materials for play and learning contain a full range of diversity (eg, ability, culture, ethnicity, family composition, gender)
- Ensure the learning environment promotes early literacy
- Provide displays and focal points to enhance the space
- Provide multiple sources of lights appropriate to the activities and learning experiences
- Bring elements from nature into the indoor space to facilitate sensory experiences



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

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

Physical Literacy

A link to the eBook; A Hop, Skip and a Jump: Enhancing Physical Literacy Tool Kit can be found here:

<http://www.freebookez.com/ebook.php?>

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What Parents are Saying

About: Kim M.

She continues to be such an important part of M's life. Her impact on him is clear to me, as he is constantly learning new things, has great manners, plays well with other kids and is always happy when I pick him up at the end of the day. (sometimes he doesn't even want to come home!) I love how Kim pays attention to what the kids interests are and then bases her themes on those things.

What Parents are Saying

About: Hani M.

Hani cares my son not only from eating, wearing, and playing, but also make my son to feel happy. Hani always pay more attention, more patience to care and educate the kids of day home. She is a professional, friendly, kind, very nice day home owner. My husband and I are so glad to find a good caring place for my son. We are so appreciated for everything that Hani has done.

What Parents are Saying

About: Fe P.

She is 100% the best suited for O. She is so loving and caring and has such a soft energy. She has made the transition the best it could possibly be. She keeps me updated and Olivia never cries when I leave. I feel so lucky to have found her!!

What Parents are Saying

About: Shabana K.

Shabana has been such an important lady in my sons lives and they love her. She is so good at her job and I would recommend her to anyone



Congratulations to our provider Courtney M. who is getting married this month!

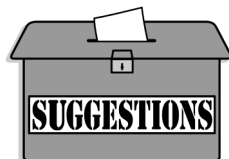
Congratulations to our consultant Danielle who is also getting married this month!

Congratulations to Carol V. who became a grandma (again!) in April!



Happy Birthday to our providers celebrating a birthday in June:

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| Valerie | Maryam |
| Basirat | Shafia |
| Hina | Kelcie |
| Nenita | Salma |
| Seema | Sara |
| Scarlett | Claire |



Do you have any Suggestions for the agency?

Please send any suggestions to Susan at susan@calgaryfamilydayhomes.com

Cooperative Play
 Build a city of recycled materials to take your cars / trucks / etc in and drive around

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
 Make an outdoor obstacle course to look like a roadway

Dramatic Play
 Car Wash
 Gas Station
 Train Driver / Bus Driver

Activities Involving Provider Participation
 Fine Motor Dashboard - made with some 'beautiful stuff'
 Apple and Grape Cars for snack (Get the children to help make!)

Current Interests & Goals
Transportation
 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

Visit our **Pinterest Page** for more details on many of the activities on this planner!

Language Activities
 "I'm a little airplane" song
 "Watching Traffic" song
 "Going On a Big Airplane" song

Books
 "Zoomin Moving Alphabet"
 "Tip Tip Dig Dig"
 "My Truck is Stuck"

Gross Motor Activities

<u>Indoor</u> Red Light / Green Light Game Airplane Runway	<u>Outdoor</u> Tri-cycle / Bike / Car Wash Make your own cardboard car & stop lights
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Problem Solving/Math Skills
 Color matching on a stop light picture
 Numbers on Race Vehicles - naming & matching numbers

Nature Exploration
 What kinds of vehicles do you see each day that go to different places? Where do they go? (Garbage truck, airplanes, etc)

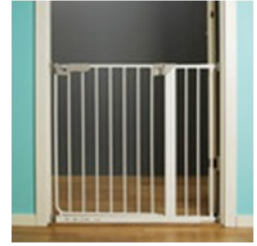
Creative Arts
 Poster painting with cars and trucks instead of paint brushes
 Egg carton trains

Sensory Play
 "Car Theme" Sensory bin
 Water & Soap for a car wash

Fine Motor Activities

<u>Indoor</u> Tire tracks in play dough Bubble Wrap Road	<u>Outdoor</u> Construction Sand Table Sidewalk Chalk Roads and City Map
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Health Canada Recalls: IKEA Canada recalls PATRULL KLÄMMA and PATRULL SMIDIG safety gates



Product description

This recall involves the PATRULL KLÄMMA and the PATRULL SMIDIG metal safety gates with a date stamp 1510 (YYWW- Year & Week) or earlier. They are white, pressure mounted adjustable safety gates made of steel and plastic, and designed to be installed between the two sides of the door frame to hold the gate in place. A permanent label is attached to the metal bar at the bottom of the safety gate containing the article number and date stamp.

Hazard identified

The friction between the wall and the pressure-mounted safety gate is insufficient to hold the gate in its intended position, posing a fall hazard. The safety gate is not intended to be used at the top of stairs. In addition, the lower metal bar can be a tripping hazard.

Time period sold

The recalled safety gates were sold in Canada and in the United States from August 1995 to February 2015.

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

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