

March Newsletter 2019

Calgary & Region Family Day Home Agency Inc

Community Project—Supporting the Children’s Cottage

Throughout 2019 we are collecting items for the Children’s Cottage. We will be bringing in all the donations in early December. In past years we have collected Food Bank items, and donations for the Children’s Hospital. This year we are excited to celebrate our partnership with



Children’s Cottage and recognize the important work they are doing for children and families. Each month there will be a different ‘need’ highlighted and the invitation for Providers

and families to participate in donating. In January and February we collected a generous amount of mitts and toques—thank you to our dayhome community! In March / April, we will be collecting cleaning supplies—cloths, tea towels, dish soap... Please ask your Consultant for more details.

From the Desk of...



Director—Susan
March kicks off with the annual Provider Conference—March 2—I’m looking forward to seeing everyone who registered

Accounts—Ben
Louise will be away at the end of March and throughout April. If you need anything Ben is here to help!
Ben@calgaryfamilydayhomes.com

Invoicing—Laura
Thank you for all your patience and hard work with the new invoice. If you are still having difficulty please let me or your Consultant know so we can help

Important Dates

Invoices Due 21

Provider Conference 2



Provider Networking Meeting 9
(email your Consultant for details)

Invoices Due 21

Timesheets Signed 29





The Calgary Police Service recently released news that they will be increasing the cost of police clearances, “In order to maintain efficient services to Calgarians, the fee for employment police information checks will increase from \$30 to \$55, effective Monday, Apr. 1, 2019.” - www.calgary.ca/cps



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Update to Standards—Cannabis

“All chemicals, alcohol, cannabis products, personal care products and household cleaning products must be stored in an areathat is inaccessible to children” - update to Family Day Home Standards Manual. This update to the provincial Standard is

the minimum requirement. Our Agency policy in regards to cannabis is “cannabis is not permitted in the dayhome”.

For a complete list of Standards please refer to the Alberta Family Day Home Standards Manual

Implications of the New Food Guide

Canada’s New Food Guide is designed for children over the age of 2years. It focuses on whole foods, water, and lots of vegetables. Providers will continue to be expected to serve a balanced menu

that reflects best choices (whole foods, water, lots of vegetables, protein and whole grains).





Storypark - Get Ready

For the past two months the Agency has been participating in a pilot project with the online digital platform; Storypark. Providers are able to use this secure platform to share the stories of their day with families and their agency Consultant.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we are happy to announce that at the completion of our pilot we will be continuing to implement Storypark as part of the agency. For more information please visit the



We use Storypark

Storypark website
www.storypark.com/ca

Incidents - Agency Follow up and reporting

Our dayhome Educators and Consultants work to reduce the risk of injury but accidents occasionally can still happen. If there is a small bump or bruise Educators will fill out the Agency Incident Form, contact their Consultant asap, and follow up with parents. There are 13 incidents that are considered Critical and must be reported to the agency asap (and then the agency reports to CFS). These are:

Death, Injury, Allegation of Abuse, Missing/lost child, young person involved in a crime, unexpected program closure, emergency evac-

uation, child left on premises after hours, illness/injury requiring emergency medical services and hospitalization, child removed from program without permission, intruder on premises, error in the administration of medication. While these incidents do not happen often we need to be aware and prepared. If you have any questions on incident reporting please ask your Consultant for a detailed explanation or email the Director @ susan@calgaryfamilydayhomes.com

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Recalls—Standard 4b—ensuring your following manufacturer

Cribs—again!

When using a crib, dayhomes must follow Cribs, Cradles, and Bassinets. Cribs must be used for children under 1yr.

The only item permitted in the crib is the child and a fitted sheet—no stuffies, blankets, or pillows.

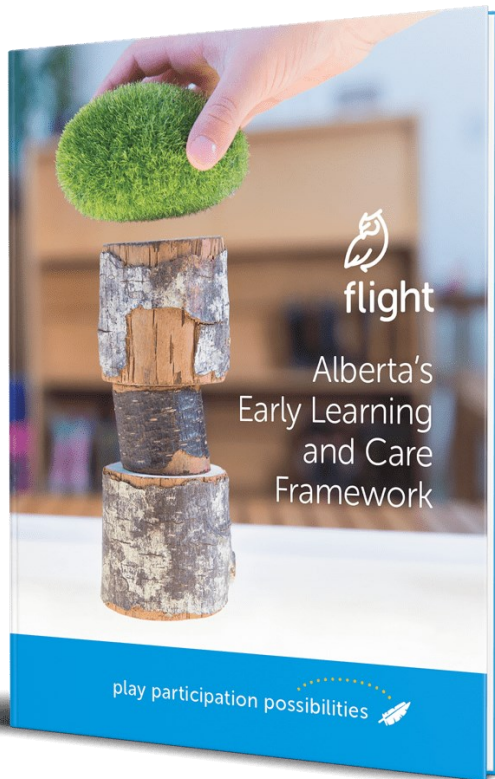
<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2019/69080a-eng.php>

- Health Canada recommends that children and youth not use cough and cold products that contain opioids.



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Curriculum Framework - new name, new image - same content



The Alberta Early Years' Curriculum Framework has changed its name, formerly Play, Participation and Possibilities, the document is now "**flight**". We are continuing to work with this document and guide our Educators as they implement its core values into their dayhomes.

Happy Birthday !!! To all of our Educators celebrating this month

- Sola A
- Esther E
- Arcela H
- Christine M
- Deanna D
- Analiza E



- Marie J
- Iram J
- Bushra M
- Priya G