



CALGARY & REGION FAMILY DAY HOME AGENCY Inc.

November Newsletter 2014

Dates to Remember:

Invoice due date: Thursday, November 20th, 2014

In-service Date: Monday, November 24th, 2014. 7:00pm at the office. We have a presenter coming in from Alberta Health Services to do an in-service about Hand Washing. This is going to be very important with Accreditation coming soon!

Turkey Dinner: Our annual Turkey Dinner is on Monday, December 8th, 2014. The dinner is at 7:00pm at the Christian Life Assembly Church beside the office (3214 28th Street SW) Due to limited space please RSVP with the names and number of who will be attending.

At the Turkey Dinner we will also be taking donations for the Children's Cottage Society. A list of their donation needs can be found here:
<http://www.childrencottage.ab.ca/SupportUs/OurWishLists.aspx>



Remembrance Day Tuesday, November 11th, 2014



What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day, or Poppy Day, is held to remember members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty, as well as all those who have been involved with and affected by war and conflict. We remember soldiers from all wars who have given their lives. As the First World War was formally declared over "at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we traditionally hold two minutes of silence throughout the Commonwealth on November 11th every year

Why Poppies?

A Canadian doctor, John McCrae, wrote a poem in 1915 about the devastation he saw in the Flanders area of Belgium and in northern France during the First World War. The land lay destroyed by terrible battles, and many men were buried there. But despite the devastation of battle, the wild poppies survived.

From the desk of Susan: Director

Remember to celebrate National Child's Day November 20 with this year's theme of "Children Have the Right to Play." Involve parents and families in your special day. Make sure to document (or snap a couple of pictures) and send it to me so we can highlight and share the ways that we help celebrate Children's Rights.

Thank you to all the Providers and Parents that attended our ASQ information evening hosted by Davindar Bhatia. We hope to start piloting ASQ soon so it was great to see so many of you at this in-service. We hope to increase Parent and Family involvement in all our in-services. Parents please send me topics, areas about child development that you would like to know more about. And Providers please encourage your parents to feel welcome at these monthly events.

Our annual Turkey Dinner will be December 8th. If this is your first year with the Agency, this is a great opportunity to enjoy a meal (catered by Lord Beaverbrook High School) and celebrate the season. Due to space limitations we do need families and Providers to RSVP for this event. Please call or email your Consultant to let them know if you plan to attend - spaces do fill up for this great night so please RSVP early.



From the desk of Louise: Parent Accounts Manager

I hope everyone had a wonderful fall and a Spooktacular Hallowe'en!!

It is November already and as we know Remembrance Day is November 11th. This is not considered a statutory holiday and many people work this day. Have you spoken to your parents/providers concerning this day?

And coming up quickly is Christmas! Please let all parents/providers know any time booked off for the holiday season.

National Child Day Each year on November 20th

25th Anniversary
Convention on the
Rights of the Child



It's our time to be heard

National Child Day is celebrated in Canada on November 20 in recognition of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It is the perfect time for young Canadians to express themselves and shape their own future.

Help us celebrate National Child Day!

Learn more. Read about National Child Day and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Empower young people to use their voice. Download this youth-friendly version of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (http://www.unicef.ca/sites/default/files/imce_uploads/UTILITY%20NAV/TEACHERS/DOCS/GC/CRCPosterEN_FA.pdf) to remind our children and youth about their rights - and how they can protect the rights of others.

Raise awareness. Use social media to start conversations about National Child Day with friends, family members or co-workers

What are some way you can celebrate National Child Day?

- Wear a royal blue ribbon.
- Attend a special event with a child.
- Ask a child for advice.
- Introduce your child to your place of work.
- Plan a special visit to your child's class or child care setting.
- Send a card to a child, caregiver or teacher in honor of the day.
- Explore ways to make your neighborhood a safer place for children.
- Organize a fundraiser to support activities for children.
- Invite a child out for a meal or snack.
- Share a book or story with a child.
- Cook a celebration dinner and invite friends and family.
- Make a scrapbook highlighting a child's past week, month or year.
- Think back on great moments of your childhood.
- Thank relatives for caring for you as a child.
- Reflect on the rights of children.
- Send a package of toys, clothes or books to children in need.
- Raise awareness for children's issues by talking to local politicians.
- Donate time or money to a children's charity.
- Tell a neighbor or friend about National Child Day.
- Consider ways you can make Canada a better place for children.

Training Sessions / Workshops in the Community

For information on workshops and training sessions help by Alberta Health Services please visit their website at: http://frcr.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



Families Matter: Terrific Toddlers

“Professional Development Training for persons who work with children age 1.5 - 4 years”

Where: Families Matter Agency (158 - 1440 52nd St NE)

When: Saturday, November 8th & 15th, 2014. (2 day program) 9:00am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$200. Pre-Registration is required.

Call 403 -205-5178 for more information



Accreditation Reminder of the Month

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

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YWCA Parent Link Corridor

Mr Rayz Music for Kids. November 18th, 2014. 11:10am – 12:10am
Oral Health and Resources for Children 0-6 years! November 18th, 2014. 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Healthy Eating for Babies. November 24th, 2014. 10:0am – 12:00pm
Children’s Emotional Health Workshop for Parents. November 25th, 2014.
 1:00pm – 3:00pm

For more information and to register for these programs call: (403) 262-0497
 All workshop and trainings held at the YWCA Parent Link Corridor. 320-5th Avenue SE



What Parents are Saying

About: Zida K.

Zida provided exceptional care for my children. Her day home is a bright, clean and welcoming environment. Snacks were always nutritious and delicious. There was no end of fun, engaging activities to do. My children were never bored, and made many lasting friendships with the other children. My girls were always happy to go to Zida’s home, which became like a second home to them. It is obvious to me that Zida loves what she does. She truly enjoys working with the children in her care. We were so lucky to find her, and I highly recommend her

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About: Cassie B.

It was pleasure having A. a part of Cassie family! I am very sad that we have to leave...She is an amazing woman and was the only caregiver that related to my daughter through the rough times she was facing when we came. She has had a deep impact on our lives and will never be forgotten!! We love you Cassie and we will keep in touch!

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About: Samia B.

I. has been going to Samia since he was 1 year old and she is like his 2nd mother. I trust her 100% with him and know she works very hard to provide for him and the other children.

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About: Ritu K.

Our experience with Ritu has been good so far. She has been taking good care of A. A is kept evolved in various activities through out the day like visiting the neighborhood park, playing with colors, learning to paint, listening and learning the nursery rhymes. All meals are provided as per their scheduled times and are meeting the Canadian food guidelines. A gets sufficient nap time during afternoon because of which he enjoys quality time in the evening with his dad and myself.

Health Canada Recalls

“Just like Home” Toaster Set (Toys R Us)



Product description

The recall involves the Just Like Home brand toy toaster sets. The teal blue plastic toy toaster has silver trim around the slice opening on top, with an orange slider handle on the side and orange 3-dimensional adjustment knob outlined with orange dots in a half moon shape on the face of the toaster in the left bottom corner. “Just like home” is printed in white on the front right bottom corner of the toaster. The toaster set was sold with two plastic toast slices and two plastic half bagel slice accessories.

Hazard identified

The plastic slice of toast, under pressure, can crack and break into small pieces posing a sharp edge or small part hazard to young children. Health Canada has not received any reports of consumer incidents or injuries in Canada related to the use of this product. Toys “R” Us has received two incident reports with one report of the plastic bread shattering in Canada. No serious injuries resulted.

Time period sold

The recalled toy toasters were from August 1, 2013 to August 5, 2014.

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.

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