

January 2025 Newsletter

Making a difference in the lives of children and families since 1983!

January 1, 2025

Educator Professionalism: The Image of the Early Childhood Educator

- Early Childhood Educators are devoted to their profession.
- Early Childhood Educators strive to project a professional business atmosphere, through maintaining tidy areas for eating, sleeping, and playing—thus contributing to a safe and healthy environment for the children.
- Early Childhood Educators seek continuing education and professional development whenever they can to ensure they have the most current knowledge to support the children's development and learning.
- Early Childhood Educators develop a partnership with the parents and guardians in their program, as open communication is vital to the well-being of the children.

Literacy Day

Mark your calendars! January 27th is Family Literacy Day.

Family Literacy Day is celebrated annually to bring awareness to the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy related activities as a family. Since its inception in 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups across the country have participated in this initiative. Taking time each day to simply read

with a child is not only beneficial to their development, it can dramatically improve their own literacy skills. This years Family Literacy Day theme is “Learn to be Green, Together” to encourage strategies to further their kindness towards the environment.

Why is literacy important for children? Books provide rich opportunities to develop and enrich early literacy, expand language and

imagination! As early as from birth, infants begin to read signals and listen to the voices all around them. By hearing these sounds, they can learn sound patterns and language. Reading to your child no matter their age can have significant benefits such as, strengthening language skills and concentration, supports cognitive development, expands imagination and creativity, creates a special bond and a lifelong love for reading.

Did You Know?

Many of the libraries in the communities we serve offer **FREE** or budget friendly library memberships.

Having a library card provides lending access to over 3.3 MILLION items including books,

audiobooks, DVD's, video games, digital content, ancestry.com, resource kits, devices, both children and adult program + more!

- Innisfail & Red Deer County (FREE until December 31st)

- Olds (FREE)
- Three Hills (FREE)
- Penhold Library's annual fees are \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a family



INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



Alberta
Approved
Family
Day Homes

Society News

Our office will be **closed** January 1st for New Years Day

Literacy Day at the Innisfail Library is Saturday January 25th

11:00am-2:00pm
Theme is “Learn to be Green, Together”
We hope to see you there!

Online Educator

Training Series:

Behaviour Basics with Aynsley Graham

Part One, January 13:

Behaviour Wayfinding Framework, a resource that allows ECE's to develop common language, concepts and strategies to provide positive behaviour supports for children of all ages and abilities.

Happy Anniversary to:

Jessica Ras
3 years

Kaileigh Krusi
2 years

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the children and families you work with!

Updates to Our Home Visit Process

Under our new Agency Contract with the Government of Alberta, and the changes made under Bill 25, the Early Learning Child Care Amendment Act 2024, our program will be required to upload our day home visit checklist to the Child Care Licensing Portal for our licensing office to view. We are also now required to inform families of when the home visit occurs and the results of the home visit.

Through this Portal the information reviewed under the day home standards checklist, completed during the home visits, will be reviewed by the Alberta Ministry of Jobs, Economy &

Trade and the Child Development Branch Licensing Officers designated to this licensed agency.

Families will be receiving an email from the agency, advising them of the home visit occurrence and if the home met the Government Standards or if there were items of Non-Compliance and an order to remedy.

Should a day home or the agency receive a Licensing Officer visit, families will be receiving an email from the agency, advising them of the occurrence and if the Government Standards were met or if there were items of

Non-Compliance and an order to remedy.

The intentionality behind this, is to ensure agency transparency and educator accountability to their clients.

Educator Profiles will not be digitally shared with families, but can be requested for viewing at the day home agency or from the day home educator. Educator profiles will only be shared with the families registered to the day home, or to potential families who are interviewing with the home for child care services.

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