



Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

"Providing children and families with safety, stability and belonging"

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Meeting Reminders

Welcome Back Meeting October 5th (in lieu of September 28th)

Times: 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

This will be our first in-person meeting!

AGM & Policy Review October 26th

Times: 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Attendance by at least one caregiver at one session is mandatory.

Foster Care Appreciation

Pathways wishes to acknowledge the following families and staff for their years of services with us:

25 Years of Service:

Anna & Bill L.

20 Years of Service:

Kathy S. & Peter H. Marla S.

15 Years of Service:

Christine S.

10 Years of Service:

Victoria & JoJo M. Donna & Ed W.

5 Years of Service:

Natasha D. & Daniel F. Fay & Clark R. Denise & Nathan W.



Happy
Thanksgiving

**Pathways Office will be closed Monday,
October 10th for Thanksgiving.
Contact the on-call with any emergencies.**

Pathways will be observing
Truth & Reconciliation Day
Friday, September 30th

The day is meant for Canadians to spread awareness of and reflect on the tragedies experienced by Indigenous people as a result of the country's former residential school system.



**The office
will be closed
for this day**

Vehicle Registration Dates

Your Vehicle Registration will expire October 31st if the last name the vehicle is registered under begins with:

**S (except Sc
or Sz)**



The Provincial Caregiver Training Team (PCTT) is pleased to announce the release of the September to December, Fall 2022 Caregiver Training Calendar.

With the Caregiver Training Redesign complete, caregivers now have access to all in-service training on the PRIDE Online Learning Management System (LMS).

Contact training@pathwaysfamilyservices.com with any questions.



Indigenous Languages Corner



Cree

vegetables

kiscîkanîsa

kiss ti GAHN suh

fruit

wihkacikewina

wee kaht SKOH nuh

milk

tohtôâpoy

toe TOE suh poi



Saulteaux

pretty

onisisi

oh NIH sih sih

slow

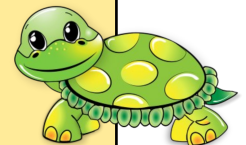
pēpēskā

puh PEA skah

sleepy

nipa

nih PAW



Pronunciations are approximate. To hear a language spoken and for access to more words, download a language app to a tablet or smart phone. Apps used here are "Maskwacis Cree" and "Saulteaux."

Transition Plan Age Matrix - Part 2

Age 14 -

Disabilities? 14 is a Critical Crossroad

You should have answered the question by now regarding whether you believe the youth will be able to become independent, or eventually live either dependent or semi-independent after turning 18. If the youth will likely not become independent, then it is important that you start at 14 to lay the foundation for receiving supports in the future. Pay close attention to the following milestones regarding assessment and application processes from 14 and beyond in this timeline. Timing is critical to receiving benefits, and missing these milestones can lead to benefits being delayed or possibly missed altogether. However, if for some reason the process has not started by this time and it looks like it may not be completed by the youth's 18th birthday, don't panic; ask his/her caseworker about obtaining support through other programs, such as the SFA.

Book Assessments

Ask your caseworker to book assessments as needed to receive support benefits after the youth turns 18. It takes a significant amount of time to schedule and complete the assessments, so don't delay. Your caseworker will advise you on which assessments are needed, and may include psych-ed, neuro-psych, psychological, full-scale IQ, adaptive skills, and others. Reports will be needed by the youth's 16th birthday.

Start Gathering ID's and Important Cards

It is important to start obtaining and filing the various cards and ID's that we all need as adults, which may include a SIN card, birth certificate, Indian status card as well as proof of registration with youth's local band (if Indigenous), Alberta health services card, government issued ID, citizenship card or passport, bank card, WIN card, as well as any others you find to be important.

Organize Youth's File to Support Transition

This is a good time to start to organize the files to support the youth's transition to adulthood. Files might include records of all assessments, diagnoses, health records, school records, achievements worth noting, awards won or received, letters of recommendation, reference letters, a list of volunteer activities and contacts, a section for ID's and cards, contact information for important people, as much information as possible regarding the youth's natural family, reports from caseworkers including the Concurrent Plan, and the youth's history in care. These records will support the youth's pursuit of financial support and educational funding and will allow you to pass this critical information to the youth when he/she turns 18.

Volunteer Opportunities

Continue seeking out volunteer opportunities. Volunteering builds confidence and relationships as well as networks and work experience; all this translates well to resumes and job applications.



Continue Life Skills Development

You have already taken steps to lay the foundation of good money handling strategies and other life skills; continue on this path, being purposeful about teaching skills and transferring responsibility based on individual ability to manage the responsibility.

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