

# Pathways Family Services

## **Foster Care News**

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Our contract year end is approaching quickly (March 31st). We do ask that foster parents submit all receipts, mileage claim forms, training forms, etc. <u>as soon as possible in March</u> in order for us to process as much as we can before contract year end. Submission through Pathways HUB is preferred.

A reminder that for children from CSD sites, Pathways must request approval for items from Recreation, Vacation and Initial Placement Funds.

NOTE: If you wish to utilize any funds that may be remaining for Recreation or Vacation Allowances from the 2023/2024 Contract Year, items must be purchased on or before March 31st, 2024 and receipts must be turned in no later than April 30th, 2024.

If receipts are handed in after April 30th, we will be unable to reimburse you due to regional billing guidelines.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE that the cost for any one single item or expense CANNOT be split between the old and new contract years.

Receipts for Recreation and Vacation Fund items that are dated April 1st, 2024 and after will be taken from the new 2024/2025 Contract Year.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call your Support Worker or Marla at 780-442-0113. Thanks!!





Pathways office will be closed Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st for Easter.

Contact the on-call with any emergencies.

### Thanks to all of you who are using Pathways HUB to submit expenses. We welcome any feedback you have. For now, please bear the following in mind:

- Please fill out a separate form for each child. If children are sharing a receipt, submit two forms and attach the receipt to both. Write on the receipt the amount(s) & item(s) for each child. A reminder that we do request separate receipts for the children in your homes whenever possible.
- Put all km for any given month on one form and submit at the end of that month. Please don't put multiple months on one form.
- Receipts can be submitted as PDF scans or jpeg's. If jpegs please ensure they are photographed one receipt at a time, with sufficient light, & are legible. Multiple attachments can be added to a request.





INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

Cree

laugh pahpi pahpi pah PAY

smile pâhpisi PAH psay
thank you kitatamhim kee dah DUM him

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."

Deadline for submissions to the April Newsletter is Wednesday, March 13th. Contact Marla at marla.schole@pathwaysfamilyservices.com with information.

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### **Bent Arrow Round Dance**

Saturday March 2nd 1:00 to 10:00 pm

Alberta Aviation Museum 11410 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton

Featuring ceremony, delectable feast & vibrant vendors

Pipe Ceremony & Feast: 1:00 to 4:00 pm Round Dance: 5:00 to 10:00 pm



### What's that number again?

**Pathways HUB has now** been updated with a contact list which includes the main line, after hours line, general email, staff phone numbers and emails, and other important numbers

that may be needed for an emergency.



## Happy Easter

Food colouring, natural colours, commercial egg dyes, and water-based felt pens can be used for colouring eggs. If using food colouring, for each colour, mix 175 mL (3/4 cup) of water and 5 mL (1 tsp) vinegar and 1 mL (1/4 tsp) food colouring. Add food colouring one drop at a time until you obtain the brightness that you desire. Completely submerge the eggs until tinted the colour you want, from 2-5 minutes. Remove the eggs from the water and allow to dry before adding another colour or continuing to decorate.

Tongs are a handy tool to use for dipping raw or hard-cooked eggs in and out of the water. An easy way to colour a blown egg is to thread a thin piece of wire through a hole made at both ends of the egg. Bend the wire at one end so the egg won't slip off. This makes a handy tool for dipping the egg in the dye and hanging it to dry. A cake rack is also useful for drying eggs.

> Note: Be sure to use a non-toxic food colouring if hard boiled eggs are going to be eaten later!

#### MILLWOODS WAHKOHTOWIN NIGHT

Hosted by Millwoods First Nations, Metis & Inuit Interagency Group Join in with other families to celebrate Indigenous cultures, learn new skills, and strengthen the community

Monday, February 26th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm Millwoods Seniors Association 2nd Floor, 2610 Hewes Way (above Millwoods Library)

Come and enjoy cultural feast (Bannock & soup) and a fun Indigenous cultural program. For more information call Nirmal Beniwal at 780-717-0525 or email nirmal.beniwal@edmonton.ca

or Jay Row at 780-720-8411 or email jay. row@edmonton.ca NOTE: Although registration in advance is not necessary to attend, it is highly appreciated if an email confirming attendance is sent before the event.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Direct Deposit Date	8	9
10 Sping Form	11	12	13	14	Payroll Cutoff At Noon	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Direct Deposit Date	23
24	25	26	27	Payroll Cutoff At Noon	29 Office Closed	30
31	Office Closed April		Submit March Child/Youth Month End Reports via Pathways HUB			

St. Patrick's Day