Pathways Office will be closed August 1st for the Long Weekend. Remember to call 499-4175 with any emergencies. For drives, call Changes at 242-6857

Due to the mail strike, Pathways has updated our e-mail contact list for Foster Parents. As a result—the newsletter will now be sent via e-mail to almost all. (Those without e-mail will continue to receive a paper copy). If you wish to continue receiving a paper copy in addition to an e-mail, please let Marla know.

Leah Sorenson Bursary for the Advancement and Improvement for Education, Recreation, Music or the Arts

Application deadline has been extended!

An annual bursary of $500.00 is available to allow any child who lives within our homes to apply. Pathways must make this payment on behalf of the child or an original receipt must be provided. Eligibility Criteria include:

- The child must be between the ages of 6 to 18.
- The child must be residing within a licensed Pathways home.
- Proof of enrollment must be provided.
- A completed application form must be submitted.
- Two reference letters must be provided from individuals who support the child’s activity.
- A 200—400 word statement or essay must be submitted.

Applications must be received by September 30, 2011. These can be obtained from the office or your Support Worker.

Regular In-Services will Resume Wednesday, September 28th. Watch September’s newsletter for more information.
**Policy Review - FC-18: Recording & Documentation**

Reporting information about a child/youth in a foster home is crucial as the Foster Parent is considered the primary caregiver and, as such, has unique and insightful information into the child/youth’s activities and progress. It may also contribute to the prevention of allegations against a Foster Parent.

Documentation includes the following:
- Maintaining a form of **Daily Log** that records the daily significant events of a child’s activities for that day.
- Completing a **Month End Report** each month on a child/youth’s activities for that period of time.
- Maintaining a daily **Medication Log** that records any medication taken by the child and completing an **Allowance Form** monthly.
- When necessary, completing an **Incident Report** within 24 hours and informing Pathways and the legal guardian/Case Worker.
- Completing a **Clothing Inventory Report** when a child/youth is first placed in the home and after a child/youth leaves the home.
- Completing a **Fire Drill Log** that reflects the practice of emergency procedures every three (3) months.

*Additional reporting and/or documentation may be requested of the Foster Parent.*

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**Region 6 Child and Family Services** has implemented two increases - one to the Foster Parent Stipend (maintenance portion only) and the other to Children’s Recreation Funds.

These two increases are retroactive to April 1, 2011. On your June 16-30 pay stub and statement you may have noticed a *retro payment* line. Each level of maintenance is increased by 2.4%. In addition, there is now an additional $50.00 added to Recreation Allowances for children. Amounts are now $675.00 for 0 to 11 year olds and $775.00 for 12 to 17 year olds. PLEASE NOTE: For those families who have grandfathered rates, you may not see an increase as your rates may not have caught up with the provincial rates yet. If you have any questions you can contact Michelle at 780-442-0114.

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**Have you visited Metis Crossing?**

Experience the sweet song of the fiddle as it soars through the river valley, dancers picking up the beat, tapping their toes, and pounding out a frantic jig. The taste of freshly cooked bannock over an open fire, demonstrations of sash and loom weaving, beadwork, hide tanning, and so much more.

Daily program includes historic village tour, Metis history barn tour, river’s edge nature trail tour. **Metis Crossing** is located at the intersection of Hwy 855 and Victoria Trail in the County of Smoky Lake.

**Open 11:00 am to 6:00 pm daily from Victoria Day Long Weekend to Labour Day**

**Admission:**
- Adults (18 and over) $7.00
- Seniors (65+) $4.00
- Youth (7 - 17) $4.00
- Children 6 and under free

**Camping sites available:**
- Powered $22.00; Non-powered $15.00; Tent Site $10.00

**Campground features** shower facilities, picnic tables, fire pits and 30 amp services.

**Special Event** - **Metis Crossing Voyage 2011** will be held August 27 & 28.

For more information phone 780-656-2229 or email metiscrossing@metis.org.
August Festivals in Edmonton

Servus Heritage Festival 2011 - Saturday, July 30th to Monday, August 1st
At Hawrelak Park in Edmonton. The festival will feature 63 pavilions representing over 85 cultures from all over the world. Sample culinary delicacies, see creative performances, shop for crafts, artwork, and clothing, or chat with people eager to tell you a little about their cultural roots and their present-day communities in Canada. Various pavilions will also be showcasing cultural displays with photos, paraphernalia, and stories about their culture or ethnic background in Edmonton. Admission is free, but a donation for Edmonton’s Food Bank would be appreciated. There is no public parking in Hawrelak Park during the Festival. Please note there are no dogs allowed.

Cariwest - Caribbean Arts Festival - Friday, August 5th to Sunday, August 7th
At various downtown locations—go to www.cariwestfestival.com for more information. Cariwest brings the spirit of the Caribbean carnival to Edmonton. The festival brings 3 days of the sweet sounds of a steel pan, West Indian cuisines, and the Mas band parade - all to the tune of calypso music. You can also visit the Caribbean Village on Sir Winston Churchill Square for food, drinks, and a front row seat to the entertainment.

The 30th Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival - Thursday, August 11th to Sunday, August 21st
In Old Strathcona. Take a historic neighborhood, add dozens of different venues, stir in performers from around the world, throw in a few hundred thousand audience members and let it grow over 11 days. The result: one Fringe Festival. Tickets can be purchased online, or over the phone, in person, or at box offices located throughout the festival. For more information go to www.fringetheatre.ca or call 780-409-1910.

Kaleido Family Arts Festival - Friday, September 9th to Sunday, September 11th
Friday: 7:00 to 9:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am to 11:00 pm; Sunday: Noon to 6:00 pm
At 118th Ave and 92nd to 94th Street in Edmonton. The sixth edition of the family arts festival, featuring over 200 performers and artists! The event is free, but donations are encouraged. For more information go to www.artsontheave.org.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Edmonton Cultural Diversity Program
In a safe, supportive environment, youth can access cultural programs that will encourage them to discover their own strengths, develop a sense of competence and self efficacy, connectedness, compassion, respect, belonging and responsibility by understanding more about their own and other’s cultural diversity. Based on the organization’s strong Aboriginal awareness programming and events that include: Healing Sweat Lodge and Pipe Ceremonies, Drumming and Dance, Native Beading, Regalia Making, Traditional Garment Making and more, Cultural Diversity awareness has branched out to provide the same quality of programming and appreciation to all children and youth who attend Boys and Girls Club. For more information call Cultural Diversity Coordinator Janice Randhile at 780-801-0924 or email: jrandhile@bgce.ca.
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