July 2019 Newsletter

July1, 2019

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society

Accreditation Update

We have successfully
completed our Accreditation
Annual Review!
Thank you to our day homes
and staff for their hard work!

ith the completion of this review, it means that we are entering our first year of the Accreditation Site Evaluation process.

Over the next nine months we will be working through the Accreditation Standards in the day homes and in the office.

Educators, providers, and parents will be receiving a survey in the upcoming months—please take the time to complete this, as it will help inform our Quality Enhancement Plan for the next three years.

There are six accreditation standards applicable to all programs—day care, a family day home, or an out-of-school care program. Each standard is comprised of numbered criteria which are further broken down into indicators that serve as observable measurements.

The accreditation standards criteria and indicators outline the requirements of high quality child care and are used by child care programs to achieve and maintain accreditation status.

Accreditation status within an child care program is an achievement that requires ongoing, daily practice to maintain accredited status.

For more information about the Accreditation Process Check out: www.aelcs.ca

We are going to the Zoo! You can come too!!

We are planning a Field Trip to the Innisfail Discovery Wildlife Park and you are invited!

Lindsay is hard at work planning a morning event, full of fun and discovery with the day homes on July 25th from 10am – noon, watch for more information from your day home about this!



Benefits of Visiting the Zoo:

Increase Language Skills - talking about the adventure adds new words and concept to our vocabulary.

Get Closer - enjoy a wonderful day of exploration together.

Increase Environmental

Awareness - children learn
about animal care and behaviour
while building empathy.

Exercise - lots of walking and exploring at the zoo.

Learn Through all Senses -

how an animal smells, what it sounds like, what it looks like at different stages of development, and, in some cases, how it feels.

Spark More Curiosity children naturally ask more
questions when they are
interested. We can build on what
they already know to help
develop more awareness of the
natural world around them.





Society News

Happy Birthday!

Charlotte Y Mia M Blaine S Teagan S Denton P Randi B Kylan J Blakely W Mandy J Navdeep J Crystal H

Happy Birthday to you ... 🎜 🕽 Happy Birthday to you ... 🎜 🕽 The Society AGM was held June 24th, 2019

Your Advisory Board Members are:

Ron King **Cheryl Thomson** Donna Arnold Vanessa Ruppert Amanda Di Castri Sabrina McAllister **Calene Daines**

Welcome To:

Charlene Fedorak Innisfail

Mandy Johannson Penhold

Happy Anniversary:

Jessica Ward, for 1 year with our agency. We wish you all the best as you take your leave to welcome your new baby!

Do You Have Plans for Care this Fall?



Even though it's only July, it is important to start thinking about September.

If your child will be attending Pre-school, Pre -K, Kindergarten, or Grade One in the fall, you need to be thinking about your child care plans.

Please speak with your provider about your care needs to determine if you can stay at your current placement or if you will require alternate arrangements.

Many of our providers do not transport to and from school or pre-school.

If you are a parent whose care needs will be changing due to your child attending school, some of your options may include:

- 1. Staying with your current day home and signing a new agreement that includes transportation to and from school,
- 2. Having a friend/family pick up and drop off your child at your day home,
- 3. Asking us for an interview with a new provider that will do pick up and drop off at school.

We also encourage you to contact the before and after school programs in your area:

Innisfail School-Age Care: 403-227-4467

Penhold School-Age Care: 403-886-2416

Olds Boys and Girls Club: 403-556-2466



Family Events Around Central Alberta

Canada Day Kick Off

Innisfail, Centennial Park June 30, 2019

Canada Day Celebration

Penhold, Lincoln Street July 1, 2019

Canada Day Parade

Olds, Centennial Park July 1, 2019

Family Scavenger Hunt

Red Deer, Bower Ponds July 6, 2019

Family Nature Art

Red Deer, Historic Fort Normandeau July 7, 2019

Dinosaurs Unearthed

Red Deer, Westerner July 17-21, 2019

Scavenger Hunt

Red Deer, Historic Fort Normandeau August 11, 2019

Alberta Open Farm

Days

All Across Alberta August 17/18, 2019

Ramshackle Play

Innisfail, Centennial Park August 17, 2019

Food Truck Frenzy

Red Deer, Bower Ponds August 18, 2019



Summer is a Time for Rest

The National Sleep
Foundation recommends children 1-2 years old need to rest for 11-14 hours each day/night, 3-5 years old need to rest for 10-13 hours each day/night, and 6-13 years old need to rest for 9 to 11 hours each night. The right amount of quality sleep is just as important to your child's development as a good diet and regular exercise.

An overtired child releases a stress hormone called cortisol. This hormone will make it more difficult for someone to fall asleep. If your child seems to have difficulty falling asleep, move their bedtime up by 30 minutes.

Start a Bedtime Routine.

Summer is a great time to begin a bedtime schedule. Your child's sleep routine will vary based on what works for your family. This is what a typical routine could look like for preschool-aged children:

- A light snack
- An evening bath
- Brushing teeth
- Reading a story

Set up a Tranquil Sleep Environment Without Distractions

A dark, quiet and cool bedroom, free from distractions is best for sleeping. Your child should be allowed a comfort item in bed, such a favorite stuffed toy. Avoid items like a cell phone, loud music toys or other electronic devices.

Wake up Time is Just as Important as Bedtime

Getting your child out of bed at the same time during the summer as they get up during the rest of the year will make the transition from vacation to school seamless.

So, urge your kids to play outside or read near a well-lit light when the alarm goes off. Exposure to bright sunlight early in the day helps regulate one's circadian rhythm.

How much sleep should they get?

Age	Recom- mended
New- borns 0-3 months	14 to 17 hours
Infants 4-11 months	12 to 15 hours
Toddlers 1-2 years	11 to 14 hours
Pre- schoolers 3-5 years	10 to 13 hours
School- aged Children 6-13 years	9 to 11 hours
Teens 14-17 years	8 to 10 hours

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Celebrating All Things Canada!

re you looking for some ideas when planning your July Curriculum? Do

you want to celebrate Canada and investigate all things Canadian? Here are a few links to get you started on your journey:

- * British Columbia: https://www.kidzone.ws/geography/ bc/index.htm
- * Alberta: https:// www.kidzone.ws/geography/ alberta/index.htm
- * Saskatchewan: https://www.kidzone.ws/geography/saskatchewan/index.htm

- Manitoba: https:// www.kidzone.ws/geography/ manitoba/index.htm
- * Ontario: https:// www.kidzone.ws/geography/ ontario/index.htm
- * Quebec: https:// www.kidzone.ws/geography/ quebec/index.htm
- * Newfoundland & Labrador: https://www.kidzone.ws/ geography/newfoundland/ index.htm
- * PEI: https:// www.kidzone.ws/geography/ pei/index.htm

- New Brunswick: https://www.kidzone.ws/geography/newbrunswick/index.htm
- * Nova Scotia: https://www.kidzone.ws/geography/novascotia/index.htm
- * Yukon: https:// www.kidzone.ws/geography/ yukon/index.htm
- * NWT: https://
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- * Nunavut: https://www.kidzone.ws/geography/nunavut/index.htm





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	1 Canada Day Office Closed	2 Office Open til 6:30pm Provider Pay Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Month End Paperwork Due	31		Innisfail & Area Family 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca www.ifdhs.com	

August 2019

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4	5 Civic Holiday Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Ramshackle Play Innisfail 10am-1pm Centennial Park
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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