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**Announcements
and
Upcoming Events**

**Office will be closed
Victoria Day
Monday, May 23**

Little Warriors

Little Warriors is an organization that brings awareness, prevention and education strategies to help prevent child sexual abuse. The Steward of Children child sexual abuse program is designed for parents, teachers, staff and volunteers with organizations that serve children and youth. To find out about the 3 hour workshop go to littlewarriors.ca and click on Prevention or call 1-888-440-1343.



Interactive Newsletter

Parental input is welcome. Please send your information, questions, comments, topic ideas, workshop ideas and day home stories to:
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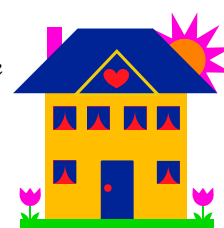
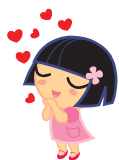
for the Parents

May/June 2011

Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 6th

Your day home provider offers a valuable service to the community.

Please take some time to show her your appreciation in a way that suits you and your child. A small thank you of some kind is greatly treasured by providers.



Re-Accreditation

Every three years the agency goes through a Re-accreditation process. During this process we evaluate the standards of care your child is receiving and set new goals to work towards in the future.

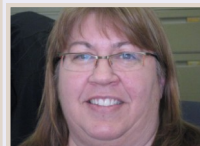
We are expecting our re-accreditation site visits to occur in the last two weeks of May. Validators will arrive from other areas of the province, and choose the day homes they would like to visit. Your provider may be chosen, so you have been presented with a consent form to read and sign. This form grants permission for the Validators to observe your child in the day home, and look in his/her files. They may request to interview the parents as well.

We thank you for your cooperation during this important round of re-accreditation.

Staff Changes



After 21 years with our agency, **Nazek Cayer** retired at the end of March. She has been working in accounts receivable and has helped many families over the years with subsidy and account information. Nazek has developed relationships with many providers and parents over the years through her sense of humour and her friendly interactions. She is looking forward to spending more time with her loved ones and has already been to Utah with her family. We wish Nazek all the best in the next phase of her life. We will miss her greatly.



Esther Hillman has joined our staff and will be working in accounts receivable. She completed the Executive Secretarial Program at Conestoga College in Kitchener and worked at Workers Compensation Board for 7 years. She is a busy mother of two boys, aged 9 and 12, and spends a great deal of time driving them to dance, musical theatre and track and field club. She enjoys the great outdoors and loves to hike in the river valley.

Please give Esther a warm welcome when she contacts you about accounts in the months ahead.



Treating Your Child with RESPECT

“Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself”
It’s good advice and it applies to our interactions with children as well.

Here are some ways to show/teach a child respect:

Speak to your child in a warm, loving way. Use a tone of voice that is pleasant.

Be responsive to your child’s overtures and/or need for assistance.

Seek out meaningful interactions with your child - encourage them to express their needs, desires and feelings.

Listen to what your child says. Do not interrupt him/her as she is talking. Have pleasant conversations with your child. Bend, kneel or sit so you can look a child in the eyes when listening and talking.

Children’s feelings are valid and important. What children feel is real to them.

Treat your child to respect the rights of others-respect others opinions, choices, and belongings.

Tell your child when their actions or words have hurt someone. Talk about ways to handle the situation differently by asking “How could that have been done differently?”



Give your child choices on what to do. Ask for input on what your family should do today.

Give attention to children who interact with others positively. “You shared your cars with your friend and made him feel happy.” Children will start to own their compassionate behavior.

Put your child’s needs before your own. Make sure the children are cared for before taking time for yourself. Involve yourself in your child’s play each day.

You are your child’s role model so be aware of how you treat others too.



The above statements are standards of care in our current round of re-accreditation. Your provider is working on ways to show respect for the children in their care. How do you work with your provider on the issues above?

For parenting courses refer to www.the-family-centre.com and click on Services, then Education Services, then Courses and Workshops.

Refer to www.paremlinkalberta.ca or visit your nearest location for more information such as AGES AND STAGES of child development to learn more about your child’s needs.

