

June 2026 Newsletter

Making a difference in the lives of children and families since 1983!

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Come ready to learn on
June 23, 7-9pm

We will have an opportunity to learn and discuss:

- ◆ Speech and language delays, and behaviours
- ◆ Speech and language hierarchy
- ◆ Speech sound development
- ◆ How can speech and language supported in early childhood settings
- ◆ What do supports look like after day home in the school setting

Educator Appreciation & Awards Event



On Saturday, May 23rd, our agency family gathered in Penhold to celebrate Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. It was a beautiful, sunny morning dedicated entirely to honoring the incredible individuals who bring passion, patience, and joy to our community's youngest learners every single day.

Highlights from a Wonderful Morning:

Good Food & Great Company: We kicked off the morning by catching

up, sharing laughs, and enjoying delicious refreshments together. It was fantastic to see everyone relaxing and connecting outside of our usual busy routines.

Celebrating Unique

Talents: The heart of our gathering was an informal awards ceremony. We took the time to recognize and cheer for each Educator's unique accomplishments, dedication, and the special spark they bring to their role.

The Trunk Sale: To wrap up the day, everyone had a blast participating in a group Trunk Sale—swapping resources, sharing treasures, and scoring some great finds!

A Massive Thank You!

To all of our Educators: Thank you for your tireless dedication, your creativity, and the immense love you pour into your work. You don't just teach; you shape the future. We are so incredibly proud of our team!



INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



Alberta
Approved
Family
Day Homes

Society News

Happy Fathers Day!!

Celebrating the
first day of Summer
on June 21st!

Remember to start
sending hats,
sunscreen, and bug
spray for your
child's day home.

Happy Work Anniversary to:

Mandy Johansson
7 Years

Megan Fikowski
5 years

Melanie Penoliar
1 year

*Thank you for making
a difference in the
lives of the children
and families you work
with!*

Notice

Summer office
Hours start in July.

The office will be
open on Fridays
8:30am—noon.
Closed at noon.

Staff will be
available on-call for
educator support
and emergencies.

We are Joining the ASaP Program!

We are pleased to announce that **Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society** will be receiving support through the ASaP (Access, Support, and Participation) Program.

The ASaP Programs mission, is to work alongside community partners, to build upon educators' skills, knowledge, and confidence to ensure the meaningful participation and inclusion of all children through high quality and inclusive environments.

Our dedicated ASaP coach will be working with our Agency team using the Pyramid Model an evidence-based framework adapted for the needs of Albertan children and families. Our day home educators will have access to specific training and resources, all free of charge.

The framework includes:

- *Supporting children through nurturing and responsive relationships and high-quality environments.
- *Intentional teaching of social-emotional skills such as positive peer interactions, regulation and managing big emotions and supporting problem solving for common social problems
- *Individualized interventions for a few children.

The ASaP program primary activities include:

- *Professional learning workshops for educators and families
- *Ongoing educator support
- *Program wide implementation of

inclusive practices

- *Access to a team of speech and language pathologists, behavioural consultants, occupational therapists and family navigators as needed

Stay tuned, as you may see information coming home on ways to support children's social and emotional development.

Find out more at: [ASaP PROGRAM | KIDSINCLUDED.ca](https://www.kidsincluded.ca)

**Kids
Included**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 IFDH Society AGM 7:30pm <i>Please RSVP for attendance</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 HAPPY <i>Father's</i> DAY <i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i> <i>Summer Solstice</i>	22	23 Speech and Language Workshop—in person 7pm	24	25 Month End Paperwork Due	26	27
28	29	30			<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shaw.ca www.ifdhs.com</p>  </div>	



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