

April 2024 Newsletter

April 1, 2024

Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society

Lets Celebrate! NAEYC's "The Week of the Young Child"

The "Week of the Young Child" is celebrated annually & sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) which is currently the world's biggest early childhood education association. The purpose of WOYC is to highlight the crucial needs of young children along with their families by acknowledging & connecting people to available related programs & services. WOYC also brings focus to how vital the early years of a child's life is to creating a strong foundation for their learning & development.

Kick-off Saturday

Lets start celebrating! Create a playlist for Music Monday & gather ingredients to prepare for Tasty Tuesday.

Music Monday

Music Monday is more than just singing & dancing, it's a terrific opportunity to encourage children to be active while having FUN & growing their early literacy skills.

Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday isn't just about eating your favorite snacks together. It's also about cooking together and connecting math with literacy skills and science while introducing ways to incorporate healthy habits into children's lifestyles.

Work Together Wednesday

When children build together they experience teamwork and develop their social and early literacy skills. Grab some materials and create!

Artsy Thursday

Children develop creativity, social skills, and build fine motor skills with open-ended art projects that let them make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands.

Family Friday

Parents and families are children's first teachers. Family Friday focuses on engaging families to support our youngest learners.



www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/plan-your-event

www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview

#WOYC24

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Week of the
Young Child™

A Week of Fun!

April 6-12, 2024

Society News

Our office will be
closed April 1st
for Easter
Monday



Happy Easter
and a Joyful
April Fool's
Day!!

NOTICE

Innisfail & Area Family
Day Home Society
AGM
Will be held
June 26, 2024
7:00pm
@
The Day Home Office
RSVP for attendance is
requested.

We are seeking a new
community rep for
September!

Download an
[Application](#) and send to
us by email at
innisfailfdh@shawbiz.ca

Home & Safety Inspections

Agency Standard 2: Caseloads & Monitoring

Agencies must monitor all active programs a minimum of six times per year with both scheduled and unscheduled visits using the Family Day Home Agency Home Visitor/Consultant Checklist. Agencies must complete two safety checks per year using a Ministry approved Home and Safety Inspection Checklist. The checklist must include at a minimum, a review of the items listed in Part 2: Family Day Home Standard 10B. Safety checks may be scheduled or unscheduled and may be completed during one of the six required visits.

The visits monitor compliance to Ministry standards and offer advice and training on the provision of child care. The agency

must document all program non-compliances and ensure that they are adequately addressed to ensure compliance with Ministry standards.

The frequency, content and duration of home visits must be based on: the program educator's experience and need for monitoring, training and support; the numbers, age, and needs of the children in care; and the agency's history with the program. During each visit, home visitors/consultants must review and document the following using the Family Day Home Agency Home Visitor/Consultant Checklist:

physical facility, including indoor and outdoor space, toys, furnishings, and equipment;

program performance, including supervision of children, activities, daily routine, and child guidance practices;

safety, health, and emergency provisions;

home environment, including the influence of other children or adults who may be in the home while children are in care; and

development and behaviour of children in the family day home program, including interactions between children and between child and educator.

If a non-compliance is found during a monitoring visit, the non-compliance must be noted on the visit checklist, even if it is remedied immediately.

During April
& May,
consultants
will be
completing
Home and
Safety
Inspections

Ministry of Jobs, Economy, and Trade (JET)

Recently, child-care operators have expressed several concerns relating to long-term sustainability and a lack of flexibility under the Canada-Alberta Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

For these reasons, Premier Danielle Smith

has appointed the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, Matt Jones, to lead the province's work on child care. All of child care has been moved to the Jobs, Economy & Trade portfolio.

As more information becomes available about

the impacts of this change, our agency will share.

Assistant Deputy Minister for Child Care Strategy and Policy is Tanis Liebreich.

Executive Director for Child Care Delivery is Candy Gregory.

South Director for Child Care Delivery is Robert Andrews.

South Manager for Child Care Delivery is Amy Loader.

Our licensing officer, at the moment, remains the same.

Supporting Alberta Working Parents Advisory Group

The Government of Alberta has established the "Supporting Alberta Working Parents Advisory Group" to help inform planning for child care. This group provides advice on how to improve child care access and affordability for working parents.

Mandate

To provide advice to government to help inform long-term planning to support parents who are working or getting back to work.

The advisory group will consider short and long-term initiatives to ensure

parents, particularly women, can take part in Alberta's economic recovery. The advisory group will also provide advice on how best to leverage federal funds to suit the unique needs of Alberta parents and child care operators.

To learn more about who is speaking on your behalf:

www.alberta.ca/supporting-alberta-working-parents-advisory-group

Earth Day

Celebrated every year on April 22, Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. More than six million Canadians—including nearly every school-aged child—participate in an Earth Day activity in their communities.

Founded in 1990, Earth Day Canada is a national environmental charity. They offer free, year-round, award-winning programs to educate and inspire Canadians of all ages, backgrounds and sectors to reach local environmental solutions. Their mission is to foster

and celebrate environmental respect, action and behavior change that lessens our impact on the earth.

Started in 1994, EcoKids offers free learning activities and resources for Canadian teachers, students, parents and communities to engage in

environmental action. EcoKids is designed to inspire children to become life-long environmental stewards through nature connection and play.

For more information check out: ecokids.ca & earthday.ca

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



INNISFAIL & AREA FAMILY DAY HOME SOCIETY

— Established in 1983 —



Alberta
Approved
Family
Day Homes

Hello SPRING

REMINDER



Now that Spring is finally here, that typically means cooler mornings & warmer afternoons. Please remember to ensure your child is equipped with the following items each day of care so they can comfortably enjoy all their outdoor play experiences & adventures.

- Warm Jacket or a Light Jacket with a Hoodie
- Waterproof Pants or “Muddy Buddy”
- Mittens or Gloves
- Toque or Hat (for warmer temperatures)
- Rubber Boots
- Spare Socks
- A Complete Change of Clothes
- Any other requests from your child’s Family Day Home Educator

Curriculum Corner: What Is Diversity & Culture?

UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY & CULTURE



Celebrating what makes each of us unique provides a sense of belonging, nurtures confidence & builds self-identity.

Diversity: The difference & uniqueness that **each** person brings to their environment (*ie: interests, experiences, appearance, perspectives, family structure & history, etc.*)

Culture: The understanding, pattern of behavior, practices & values that a group share.

FLIGHT Curriculum Connection

Diversity & Social Responsibility (Inclusiveness & Equity)

Children appreciate their own distinctiveness & that of others by:

- *Becoming knowledgeable & confident in their various identities including cultural, racial, physical, spiritual, linguistic gender & socioeconomic*



IDEA! Create “All About Me” posters for children to have the opportunity to share & celebrate what makes them unique. This could include favorite foods, colors, interests, appearance, fun facts & so much more!

April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Easter Monday</i>	2	3 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	25 Month End Paperwork Due by 8:30 am	26	27
28	29	30			<div data-bbox="1465 1352 1948 1521" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca www.ifdhs.com</p>  </div>	

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Innisfail & Area Family Day Home Society 5713—51 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1R4 403-227-2767 innisfaifdh@shawbiz.ca www.ifdhs.com 			1 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	9	10
12  <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	16	17 <i>Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day</i>	18
19	20 <i>Office Closed Victoria Day</i>	21	22 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Month End Paperwork Due</i>	29 <i>Office closed at 3pm</i>	30	31	