

AUGUST 2018

Provider Newsletter

Note Worthy

Activity Plan:

**Colors, Shapes, Numbers
and Letters.**

Closure Days:

Monday August 6, 2018

Meeting:

No meeting in August

Licensing Review

Our Licencing Officer was in the office on Monday July 30 2018 to review the Agency documentation and make sure that we are meeting and maintaining the government standards. The Agency received a full compliance review.

Our Licensing Officer will now need to review our day homes. She can be out at any time to visit a day home. Please make sure you are doing your daily checklists to ensure you have everything in place and ready for the day.

Subbing

All subbing needs to be emailed into the Odyssey website odysseychildcare@outlook.com. If the request is not emailed to the Odyssey website it won't be booked.

Just a reminder that Serena sends out the most current Provider contact list every time she sets up subbing. Please make sure you refer to that form when giving the parents the address and phone number of the Provider doing your back up care.



THERE ARE NO
SEVEN WONDERS
OF THE WORLD IN
THE EYES OF A
CHILD. THERE ARE
SEVEN MILLION.
WALT STREIGHTIFF

CYM Checks

You now need to have 2 pieces of ID and 1 piece has to be photo ID to drop off and pick up your forms. There hours are 8:15-12 and 1-4:30 Monday to Friday. The office is located at #133 in the Bay Mall. They are taking 4-6 weeks to process.

Crim Checks

Criminal record checks are taking up to 8 weeks to process so we are going to start sending out earlier notices. If yours is about to expire get the form completed ASAP.

Attendance Sheets

Attendance sheets to have the **full name of the child, birthdate and all hours totaled as well as the Provider information before they are handed in.**

All children need to be on the attendance sheet including drop in children. If you are taking a drop in clients the Agency needs all of the necessary documentation (application, emergency card, immunization record) on file in the office.

Tips for Interviewing Potential Clients

- Make sure that your home is clean, clutter free and smells pleasant.
- Make sure that your outdoor space is clean and inviting.
- If possible don't schedule interviews during your day home hours. It is difficult to conduct an interview and keep your attention focused on the children in care.
- Make sure that all pets are inaccessible during the interview. Even though potential families know that there may be pets in the home they don't want to be overwhelmed by their smell or their presence during the interview.
- Make the needs of the potential client and your ability to meet them the focus of the interview. Answer questions about yourself but making your needs and problems the focus of the interview will definitely turn a parent off of your day home.

(These are some suggestions based on feedback we have received from parents)

PLAY GIVES
CHILDREN
A CHANCE
TO PRACTICE WHAT
THEY ARE
LEARNING.
-MR. ROGERS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Heritage Day at the Fort- Monday August 6 2018. Starts: 1:00 PM -Ends: 4:00 PM.

Location: Fort Whoop-Up. Celebrate Heritage Day with Fort Whoop-Up. Go for a covered wagon ride around the fort. We will have great activities for the whole family. From hobby horse obstacle courses, a small petting zoo and candle making, to country music bingo, balloon shaving and rope making. We'll have food at the Fort all day, including bannock, bison smokies, chili and free samples of traditional Blackfoot foods like berry soup and mint tea.

Website: <http://fort.galtmuseum.com/events-1/2018-8-6/heritage-day>. Contact: Graham Ruttan. Phone: 403-320-4009. Email: graham.ruttan@galtmuseum.com

Trailblazers- Location: Helen Schuler Nature Centre. Starts 10:00 am and Ends 12:00 pm.

Kids (ages 6-10) discover all that summer in the river valley has to offer through fun activities, crafts & games! Wednesdays & Thursdays 10:00am - 12:00pm Register weekly Monday mornings (starting at 8:30am). Adults must sign children in & pick them up promptly at noon. 403.320.3064 . **August 8 & 9: Animal Vision August 15 & 16: Plant Legends August 22 & 23: Fungi.** Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2097214657158445/> Contact: Helen Schuler Nature Centre Phone: 403-320-3064. Email: hsnc@lethbridge.ca.

Eats and Entertainments- Every Thursday night in August. Starts: 6:00 PM- Ends: 9:00 PM

Location: Fort Whoop-Up Interpretive Center- Every Thursday night, 7-9 pm we have a special event planned for our visitors. These include actors from New West Theatre performing original pieces about the Fort's history, musicians performing live in our compound and cooking bannock and other food over our bonfire (weather conditions permitting). Fort admission applies | free to Fort annual pass holders | 50% off to Galt Museum annual pass holders.

Website: <https://fort.galtmuseum.com/>. Contact: Aaron Lorenz. Phone: 4033088375