

**POLICY CHANGES**

We have a few changes in policies to inform the families on.

With the legalization of cannabis we have added this to our smoking and vaping policy.

Parents must give written permission for the use of video monitors to be used in the provider home. If your provider has one there will be a new media release form to be signed.

We will no longer be offering reimbursements on accounts when a provider closes. Of course alternate care is always offered when the providers close.

The new holiday clause forms are ready to be signed. Any provider with a clause will be asking each family to sign the new form and then it will be returned to Odyssey. One will be kept in the parent file

and one in the provider file. Please remember to ask any questions to the provider or the agency on the clause before signing it.

As always for a full list of our policies and procedures can be found on our website at [www.odysseychildcare.ca](http://www.odysseychildcare.ca)



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Activity Plan is on senses
- Odyssey workshop is on reac-creditation
- Closure Day February 18— Family Day
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**INPUT AND WORKSHOPS**

We have started our list of 2019 workshops for providers. Please let us know if there is something specific you would like to see training on. If there is a workshop any

parents would like to attend please let us know. We would just need a few weeks advance notice to ensure we had a big enough meeting room.

We also welcome information on traditions and customs from families. It is fantastic for the children and adults to learn of other cultures.

**SURVEYS**

We are asking families to fill out the accreditation survey again. This is one of the ways we track how things are working in the agency. Last time we did only paper copies and did not receive many back. We are trying a few different ways this time to try to get more re-

sponse. We still have the paper copies which will be available at the provider’s homes or the office. They can be returned in a sealed envelope through the mail slot or your provider will return it on payday. We also have a link on our website as well the link below will take you di-

rectly to the survey. We appreciate all the feedback and time that it takes to fill out the survey.

Here is the link for the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2YNBCDN>

Please Take My Survey

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

There is a 1 hour interactive program every Saturday at the Galt for families. Programs run from 1-2pm.

Feb 2—Home Sweet Home

Feb 9—Valentines Decorations

Feb 16—Button Bowls

Feb 23—Animal Silhouettes

Celebrate Family Day (Feb 18) at the Galt with a pancake breakfast. From 10am-1pm take part in crafts, live music, a treasure hunt and more.

For more information on events visit [www.lethbridge.ca/Events](http://www.lethbridge.ca/Events)



**Standard 10C – Illness**

If a provider notices that a child exhibits any of the signs or symptoms listed below, the provider must ensure that:

1. The child’s parent(s) arranges for the immediate removal of the child from the program premises; and
2. The child does not return to the

program premises until the providers is satisfied that the child no longer poses a health risk to others in the program (e.g. the parents provide a physician’s note, the parents declare that the child has been symptom free for at least 24 hours.)

*Signs or symptoms of illness exhibited by a child include:*

1. A child vomiting, having a fever, diarrhea or a new unexplained rash or cough.

2. A child requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of the other children in the program.
3. A child having or displaying any other illness or symptom the staff knows or believes may indicate that the child poses a health risk to persons on the program premises.



