



Parent Newsletter

Welcome and Forms

Welcome to all our new families. Please take the time to review our policies and parent handbook found on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email.

With so many changes we would like to take this opportunity to talk about forms and parent permission.

Attendance Sheets are the forms that parents sign their children in and out on. This must be done at drop off and

pick up and sign at the end of the week.

Offsite permission is the form that the parents will sign giving permission for the providers to take the children to any location that is not the home environment. This includes walking destinations, as well as vehicle and school transportation.

Medication forms must be filled out at the office before any medication can be left at the day home and before it

can be administered by the provider.

Alternate care form is what gets signed giving permission for another Odyssey approved person to be left with the children if the provider needs to leave the home for an appointment.

Waiver forms are signed if your provider is closed and you DO NOT want alternate care.

Please ensure to read every document thoroughly before signing it.

Inclusive Environments

As our program strives to offer an environment that best supports the children and their families, we encourage and invite you to share items

from your family and culture with your Provider. Some suggestions are traditions, recipes, stories, pictures etc. This will assist your Provider in

celebrating the uniqueness of each child and their family!!

We have created a questionnaire that will go out once a year to get updates.

Special points of interest:

- Closure Day September 2—Labor Day
- Activity Plan is on All About Me
- Workshop in September is on Putting Children first—Divorce and Separation
- [andrea-odyssey@shaw.ca/](mailto:andrea-odyssey@shaw.ca)
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Back to School

Please ensure any providers who are transporting your children to school have the correct drop off and pick up times of the school bells. Also that they are on the approved pick up list.

With the new school year comes changes in the homes as well.

Please remember with the weather change to dress the children appropriately for the weather and to bring extra clothing.

School zones are in effect again as school starts for the year.

Also with the providers transporting please ensure you are

signing the offsite activities form and you are comfortable with the transport and supervision arrangements.

Reminder to update the agency and your provider with any changes to addresses, phone numbers or change in work.

Community Events/Swap and Buy

We usually put community events in this section but would like to try something a little different. We will still be putting in community event after this month along with the swap and buy.

If any parents or providers would like a business card placed for advertising send an email to Andrea with the card requesting it to go in the next newsletter.

If there is anything that a

parent or provider is selling and they would like it placed in the newsletters please forward to Andrea by email. Email address on front of newsletter.

Workshops

We would once again like to extend an invitation for parents to join our workshops if it is a topic of interest for families. We would just need some advanced noticed to ensure enough seating is

available. We would also like to ask for any ideas on workshops that families may feel could benefit the children, providers, families, agency or community.



