



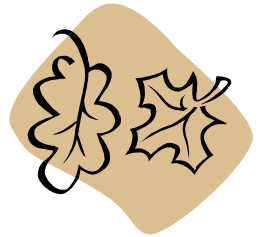
October 2008

**Welcome New Caregivers to
Child Development Dayhomes**

Yusur Shuriye

Jeannette Randell

Amal Muhamoud



Thanksgiving

“Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.”

Erma Bombeck

**Happy Thanksgiving
to everyone from the
Fort McMurray
Office!**



Office Closure

Reminder Dayhome Office will be closed
Oct 13 Thanksgiving



DID YOU KNOW?

That using Vaseline on your Pumpkin can help preserve it until Halloween?

To help your jack-o'-lanterns last till October 31, rub a little Vaseline over the carved edges and along the inside. This seals in the moisture so the flesh won't dry out so fast!

Safety Corner

To keep all the little ghouls and goblins safe this Halloween we wanted to remind parents and providers of these few safety tips.

1. Children under the age of 9 should be supervised by a parent. If over the age of 9 should be with friends and let parents know where they are going to be .
2. Do not go to houses where the lights are off.
3. Start trick-or-treating early and do not stay out late.
4. Look both ways before crossing the road and cross at the corner or crosswalk.
5. Carry a flashlight.
6. Never eat unwrapped candy and have parents inspect candy before eating it.
7. Don't go near animals you don't know.
8. Never go into alleys , parking area or vacant lots.
9. Never go inside a stranger's house.

Tips and Pointers

Parents :

Are you rushing out the door and not have time to talk to your provider ?

Providers :

Do you have something important to tell your parents?

Using your communication books are a great way to pass on information . Each child has been provided with a communication book for your convenience.

The Child's Right to Play

The American Academy of Pediatrics has published an excellent set of guidelines for pediatricians on the importance of promoting play. The report, "[The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bonds](#)" by Kenneth R. Ginsburg, includes an extremely useful summary for all who care about young children, on the reasons play is becoming a diminishing part of children's lives and why this is harmful to their development. In the Introduction, Ginsburg observes...

"Play is so important to optimal child development that it has been recognized by the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights as a right of every child. This birthright is challenged by forces including child labor and exploitation practices, war and neighborhood violence, and the limited resources available to children living in poverty. However, even those children who are fortunate enough to have abundant available resources and who live in relative peace may not be receiving the full benefits of play. Many of these children are being raised in an increasingly hurried and pressured style that may limit the protective benefits they would gain from child-driven play. Because every child deserves the opportunity to develop to their unique potential, child advocates must consider all factors that interfere with optimal development and press for circumstances that allow each child to fully reap the advantages associated with play."



New Kids on the Block

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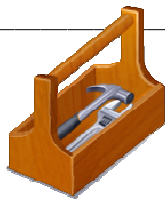
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Wanted Ads

Needed Immediately

Handyman to help with odd jobs at the Dayhome Agency Office if you are interested please call 780-715-1166 or email lisar@childdev.com.



Looking for or selling used children equipment? Email your info into the office by the 24th of every month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

For Sale

- Jeep Double Stroller Mint Condition \$100
Call 780-715-1166

Child Care Bursary For Education

Who is eligible?

You must :

- work for a licensed childcare program or approved family dayhome agency
- Be a resident of Alberta for at least one year
- Be employed in or aspire to a leadership position in childcare

How do I apply?

You must submit:

- Completed application form
- Letter of support from your employer
- A letter stating your intention to complete your program and to stay in the childcare field for at least one year from every year covered by the bursary
- Written confirmation of acceptance and enrollment into an approved program
- Evidence of Alberta residency for at least one year
- A declaration of all sources of funding/supports being received for proposed training

For more information

www.child.alberta.ca/home/images/childcare/doc_bursaryapplication.pdf

Or call Mary Chang 780 422 1119 or Tim Baier 780 421 7544



Provider Spotlight

LOUISE LARSEN

Louise joined our agency in September though she has been running her licensed dayhome for 3 years in Fort McMurray and 1 year in Westlock. Louise's parents love her gentle style of child care and the notes they get in their daily communications books. The children love to spend time in Louise's back yard playing on the climber/play structure.

Keep up all your great work!



This Month's Resource Website is:

www.dltk-kids.com

Please let us know if you have a website you are using.

