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## **September 2021 Parent Newsletter**



Wow! Those summer months went by FAST! Welcome back to routine, school and another year of possibilities and learning with your little people! Please be sure to send warmer fall sweaters and splash pants for those cooler outdoor mornings that are sure to come!

**The number of allowable days in September is 21.  
Late fees will be applied to accounts after Sept. 2.**

**This year, the federal government has introduced a new federal holiday – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – please see the “Did You Know” section of this newsletter! As with all holidays, educators set their own hours of service. Please discuss your need for care on this day with your educator.**

**Our office hours are:**

**Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Closed at noon on Sept. 3**

**The office is closed on:  
Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, in observance of Labour Day, and  
Thursday, Sept. 30 in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**

**Do you know someone who would make a great provider?!**



We trust our New Dimensions family to recommend the very best people to provide great child care through their own home-based business! There is an online application at [nd@newdimensionsfamilydayhome.com](mailto:nd@newdimensionsfamilydayhome.com) that they are welcome to complete and we will contact them directly, or, they are welcome to contact us at the office and we will be happy to provide them with more information!



**Please remember you are free to nominate your educator for a WOW Award each month!**

### **COVID-19 Update**

Please remember that COVID-19 is still a threat to the health of our community! We are required to send a child home if they show symptoms throughout the day, and kept away from other children until they can be picked up.

If you would like to know more about our guidance requirements, please review the AHS Family Day Home guidance documents at <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/3fcd93d6-3060-4db4-850d-e0263b0e5ff6/resource/2b972300-e174-44d9-a6bf-01500f2b32d6/download/covid-19-guidance-family-day-homes-2021-08.pdf>.

### **Sharing Corner:**



### **Policy Review**

The following statement is from our current Family Day Home Standards for Alberta, italics with brackets are added.

#### **Standard 6: Number and ages of children**

Programs may accommodate a maximum of six children 0-12 years old, not including the educator's own children.

A maximum of three children may be 36 months or younger. *(includes the educator's child)*

A maximum of two children may be 24 months or younger. *(includes the educator's child)*

All children 12 and under present in the home must be counted in the six child limit (not including the educator's own children).

The only exception is if a visiting child's parent/guardian or care provider is present and supervising that child.

Otherwise, any visiting child is counted, regardless of whether or not the program educator is being paid to care for the child.

For example, if a friend of the educator's child visits after school, the educator must count that child because he or she requires direct supervision.

*For more information about the standards for Licensed Family Day Homes, please go to <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/ae5d6de9-3a2b-4fb5-abd1-7ad4582a709d/resource/9ef2e6bf-b6e1-454b-abc2-9ad8765ab5d4/download/cs-family-day-home-standards-manual-for-alberta-2021-02.pdf#page=1&zoom=auto,-265.792>*



### Did you Know?

There is a new Federal Holiday? National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is September 30, and provides the opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event.

This legislation recognizes the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action #80, "We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

For more information about the NCTR's Calls to Action, Orange Shirt Day and the history behind this important day, please visit the following websites:

[https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)

<https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1450124405592/1529106060525#chp2>

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/new-mnp-book-explores-canada-s-historic-and-ongoing-relationship-with-indigenous-peoples-885147248.html>

<https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1302889494709/1534952403997> - read and listen stories and activities