



Child Development Dayhomes June 2025 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in Fort McMurray

June Park Visits & Pop-Up Events

Exciting activities are coming your way this June! We'll be hosting **park visits with special pop-up events** in various locations. Stay tuned—more details will be shared soon. To help make these events a success, we encourage you to **attend in your local** area and join in the fun!



Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

Canada Day: July 1, 2025

Civic Holiday: Aug. 4, 2025



Upcoming Workshop

► Caring with Confidence: Understanding Diapering Policies and Procedures

Date: June 12, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Presented by: Alberta Health Services

***Mandatory Virtual Workshop**

Attendance at this session is required for all Dayhome Educators as part of a **licensing-directed action plan**. To ensure full participation and engagement, **cameras must remain on** for the duration of the training. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants prior to the session.

Upcoming Workshop

► Play & Progress: Supporting Educators & Enriching Play Spaces

Date: June 23, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Virtual Workshop

Some of you have already met our pedagogical mentor, Jennifer Bedford (Edmonton). Now we're excited to formally introduce her. Learn how her expertise enhances quality, enriches play spaces, and supports dayhome educators—and share your thoughts on how she can best support you.

Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Jesusa, Mary Jane, Sidra, and Nezha



Attendance Records Due:

Tuesday, June 17 by 6:00pm

Dayhome Educators, please ensure all the times for the month have been entered on TimeSavr.



Community Events

▶ June Bug Festival

Date: May 31-June 1, 2025

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Location: MacDonald Island

Ages: 0-8 years

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/4035312866733402/>

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend filled with fun activities for the whole family! Enjoy bouncy castles, face painting, games, and connect with our amazing community partners.

Tickets are available now!

▶ Spring Fair

Date: June 12 at 3pm to June 16 at 5pm

Event by West Coast Amusements

Pre-sale price: \$45, Regular: \$55

Tickets [here](#)



Canada's biggest travelling carnival is back and is coming to Fort McMurray!

▶ Métis Fest

Date: June 7 at 11:00am to June 8 at 7:30pm

Location: MacDonald Island

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/596354756524711/>



This is a FREE event. Come participate in authentic Indigenous experiences, learn from the Métis, and have fun with family and friends!

▶ Fort City Car Show

Date: June 15, 2025

Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm

Location: Fort City Church

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/697323296549732>



Fort City Car Show is a fun Father's Day event for the whole family. We bring together some of the coolest toys Fort McMurray has to offer.



Recipe Idea

► Overnight Oats

Have a recipe you want to share in the next newsletter?
Email jennifer@childdev.com

Peanut Butter Banana Oatmeal

- 1 tbsps peanut butter
- 1/2 banana
- 1 tsp honey/maple syrup
- 1 tsp hemp seeds

Very Berry Overnight Oatmeal

- 1/4 cup mixed berries like blueberries, raspberry, strawberries, etc.
- 1 tsp maple syrup/honey
- 1 tbsps jam

Apple Pie Oatmeal

- 1/4 cup diced apples
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon or pumpkin spice
- 1 tsp honey/maple syrup

Chocolate Oatmeal

- 1/4 cup chopped strawberries
- 1 tsp mini chocolate chips
- 2 tbsps chopped nuts
- 1 tsp chocolate syrup (optional)



Directions:

Add the ingredients mentioned above on top of the oatmeal base and refrigerate overnight. Cover the container with a lid. You can add the toppings the previous night or when you are serving it.

Source: <https://toddlerfoodclub.com/overnight-oats/>

Activity Ideas

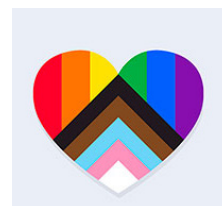
► Nature Bracelet Activity

<https://www.gryphonhouse.com/early-childhood-activities/nature-bracelet-activity>



► Pride Month Activities

<https://www.nickelodeonparents.com/explaining-the-pride-rainbow-flag-to-your-child/>
<https://www.nickelodeonparents.com/ways-to-celebrate-pride-with-your-kids/>
<https://www.parents.com/kids/lgbtq-flags-and-coloring-pages-for-kids/>





Educator Professional Learning Highlights

Aiel - Growing Brain: Cognition and Executive Functioning

Getting Started with your Reggio Inspired Practice - Cristie

“Words Matter! Promoting a Positive Relationship with Food for Early Learning and Child Cares” - Manal

The Importance of Early Intervention - Vandana

“Nurturing, Responsive Relationships & High Quality Supportive Environments Module 1” - Tanya



Reality Bites Workshop - Aiel

ELCC Diploma - Zohra, Jesusa

Maximizing Observations with Canva - Manal, Vandana

Typical Development: What to Expect & When to Take Action - Vandana

“Gender and Gender Diversity in Early Childhood Education” - Cassia

ASaP Module 2 - Targeted Social & Emotional Supports - Tanya

Congratulations!

To the following dayhome educators celebrating their anniversaries with Child Development Dayhomes in the month of June

Ritha Torres	16 years	Brenda Arguelles	3 years
Seema Khan	7 years	Sheri-Lynn Bugden	3 years
Geraldine Reyes	4 years	Reyna Gil	2 years
Afshan Butt	3 years	Meaghan Smart	2 years



Car Seat Info Session

Offering the session online! Dayhome educators can register, pay a \$25 fee, and complete the session at their own pace. At the end of the session, participants will complete a 12-question knowledge check. Upon successful completion, a certificate is automatically generated and emailed to them. Please see the [link](#).





Flight Focus

▶ Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is seen as a **valuable opportunity** for children to develop their curiosity, problem-solving skills, and social interactions. The framework highlights **responsive environments**, which include outdoor spaces that support children's natural exploration and learning.

How do you create spaces for children, including healthy and flexible outdoor spaces?

Do they inspire imagination and possibilities?



Parent Feedback Survey on CDDH Website



Let us know how we are doing.
Take the Parent Feedback Survey [here](#).

Can Avenue

Learn English on your own or with friends and family. CanAvenue online learning is free. The site has hundreds of learning activities. Sign up for a free account to get started.

Website: www.canavenue.ca

The **Métis Dayhome Program** aims to support Métis Albertans in opening licensed day homes, made possible in partnership with Apeetogosan Métis Development Inc. Successful applicants will receive a one-time \$20,000 grant. For more information and how to apply, click [here](#).

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Wood Buffalo Community Resources

Click [here](#).



Learning Story

► Exploring Bugs

Story By Cristina Cerbo, Dayhome Educator

While out on our walk the children noticed many bugs and wanted to rescue them. The children saved them by using tongs to pick them up and put them into plastic containers.

We read some of our favourite stories about bugs.

We have a caterpillar that we are watching closely to see if it transforms into a butterfly. The children are happy to watch his movements and are excited about what it will look like when it emerges from its cocoon.

