



Child Development Dayhomes

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in Fort McMurray

Congratulations!

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

Ciamy Carmona	8 years	Faiza Naeem	4 years
Jesusa Lozano	7 years	Trupti Kanchan	4 years
Kathlyn Ann Tionsay	6 years	Manal Fahad	2 years
Aisha Hidayat	4 years	Sumaira Afridi	2 years
Tahira Razzaq	4 years	Dally Muca	1 year
Marquita Sarginson	4 years		



Licensing Information Session

Date: September 28, 2026

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location: Online



We will be hosting an online session in collaboration with our Licensing Officer, Ashley.

- Registration is required
- Cameras must be on for the entire session

During this session, we will review important topics, including:

- Lost child procedures
- Incident reporting requirements
- Reporting processes
- Other important licensing and compliance matters

These topics are essential to ensuring the safety and well-being of children in care and maintaining compliance with licensing, government standards and Child Development Dayhomes.

Attendance is strongly recommended. If you are unable to attend, please inform your consultant as soon as possible and provide the reason for your absence.

Follow us on Social Media



Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

Labour Day: Sep. 7, 2026

Truth and Reconciliation Day: Sep. 30, 2026

Thanksgiving Day: Oct. 12, 2026

Remembrance Day: Nov. 11, 2026

Attendance Records Due:

Sunday, September 20 by 6:00pm

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



Community Events

▶ All Ages Youth Cooking Class

Date: September 21, 2026

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Location: 8310 Manning Avenue

Event by: Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre

Info: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19Rjwmn6wR/>



▶ Fall 2026 Trade Show and Artisan Market

Dates and Times: Sep. 25 (1:00pm - 9:00pm), Sep. 26 (10:00am - 7:00pm), Sep. 27 (10:00am - 5:00pm)

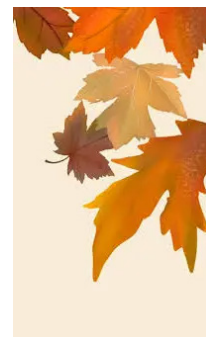
Location: MacDonald Island

Event by: Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce

Cost: Adult day pass: \$12, Senior: \$10, Youth 7-17: \$10, Weekend pass: \$25,

Family day pass: \$35 (2 adult, 2 youth), Children 6 & under Free.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1J9sxmghRq/>



▶ 9th Annual Hospital Bed Races

Date: September 19, 2026

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Syncrude Athletic Park

Event by: Northern Lights Health Foundation

Facebook page: [Link](#)



Teams of four will race head-to-head on a 50-metre racetrack, racing in heats until the fastest team takes home the golden bed pan trophy. Come out for: Fast paced, Live music, Community BBQ by donation, Family-friendly fun, A great day in support of local healthcare

▶ Truth and Reconciliation Day Walk

On **Wednesday, September 30**, Fort McMurray will gather to honour residential school survivors and their families. The annual Orange Shirt Day event typically begins around 10:00 a.m. at Jubilee Plaza with an opening ceremony, followed by a solidarity walk to MacDonald Island Park. While official 2026 timelines and routes are not yet finalized, please save the date for this important morning of reflection.





Flight Focus

Relationships are sustained by interactions with people, events, and materials that further the children's, their families and educators' well-being, learning, and development with the intent of learning from each other.

What can you learn about this child and/or their family that will help you to support a sense of belonging? How do you build relationships of trust between children and families?



ASaP Expectations and Rules

ASaP: In Module 1 of the ASaP professional learning we explore our view of children and beliefs about their learning with a focus on building meaningful relationships with children and families. In practice we support this by:

- *Greeting children and families warmly on arrival. We use their correct names. This includes when families come to interview*
- *Create intentional spaces where families and children feel welcome, respected and safe*
- *Get to the children's eye level when communicating with them*
- *Verbally interact with children (not at) during routines and activities*

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 generated and emailed to them. Please see the [link](#).



Educator Accomplishments

Introduction to Assessments & Tools: Looksee

Checklist: Gul Jana

Flight Course Series: Noticing - Maria Frac

Flight Course Series: Naming - Quirina

Level 2 Certificate from the GOA - Faiza.S

Big Life Transitions - Analisa

Allergy Aware - Anaphylaxis in

Childcare Settings - Bushra



Happy Birthday to the following Educators!

Edna, Ruthchel V, Titi, Ciamy, Madiha, Salma, Sara, Thushani, Charris, Dianne, Amanda, Trupti



CDDH Surveys

Let us know how we are doing!



Family Survey



Educator Survey





Recipe Ideas

► One-Dish Ground Turkey Sweet Potato Skillet

Ingredients:

1 lb of ground turkey
1 medium onion, chopped
1 shallot, finely chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup tomato paste
1 medium sweet potato, peeled and cubed
1 cup chicken broth
2 teaspoons smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
3 cups chopped fresh kale
Dash crushed red pepper flakes
1 medium ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
Minced fresh mint, optional

Directions:

1) In a large skillet, cook turkey, onion, shallot and garlic over medium heat until turkey is no longer pink and vegetables are tender, 8-10 minutes, breaking up turkey into crumbles; drain. Add tomato paste; cook and stir 1 minute longer.

2) Add sweet potato, broth, smoked paprika, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, until sweet potato is tender, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add kale and red pepper flakes; cook and stir until kale is wilted, about 2 minutes longer. Serve with avocado and, if desired, mint.



Source: [Taste of Home](https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/one-dish-ground-turkey-sweet-potato-skillet/)

Activity Ideas

► Pumpkin Geoboard Stem to Try this Fall

Materials:

Pumpkins
Rubber bands
Pushpins
Golf tees
Wooden mallets

Instruction: <https://fun-a-day.com/pumpkin-math-geo-pumpkin/>

Source: [Fun-A-Day](https://fun-a-day.com/)





Learning Story

► Redesigning Our Play Room & Learning Space

By Ciamy, Dayhome Educator

I decided to change my playroom because it had become too crowded with too many toys and materials. I realized that having so many choices was overwhelming for the children. Instead of engaging in meaningful play, they would often take toys off the shelves, throw them around, and quickly move from one activity to another without staying focused.

I wanted to create a calmer and more inviting environment, so I removed some of the toys and opened up the space. I added more loose parts, such as natural materials, blocks, and open-ended items that children can use in many different ways. I also organized the materials so they were easy to see and access.

To make the playroom feel even more warm and welcoming, I added a couch to create a cozy space where children can relax, read books, or enjoy quiet moments together. I also displayed pictures at the children's eye level so they can easily see them, feel connected to the environment, and develop a sense of belonging and independence.

Since making these changes, I have noticed a big difference. The children are more interested in exploring the loose parts and using their imaginations. They spend much longer playing, building, and creating because they are not overwhelmed by too many choices. They are also working together more, solving problems, and taking better care of the materials.

Creating a more open play space has made the room feel calm, organized, warm, and welcoming. It has helped the children become more engaged, independent, and creative during their play while encouraging meaningful exploration and learning.

See before and after photos on next pages.



Before



