



Cause & Effect Connects



Cause and Effect Foundation – Early Intervention Service Newsletter

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Mission Statement: To promote maximum skill development of children who have special needs during their preschool years.

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WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm WELCOME to all our NEW and Returning Families! We hope that you are off to a great start with our program and look forward to the many growing opportunities that lie ahead.

As well, we wish to extend a warm welcome to the returning & new Therapists, Coordinators and Child Development Facilitators that joined us this Fall.

New To Our Teams:

Speech-Language Pathologist's:
Janice Brabon
Arkadia Kydon

Special Education Teachers:

Janice Friesen
Carmen Bull

Occupational Therapists:

Catherine Kammann
Gayle McCaleb

Physiotherapist:

Michelle Kelly

Family Liaison Coordinator's:

Tannis Peturrsson, SW Calgary
Greta Correll, Bow Valley

Behavior Strategist:

Carmen Lalonde

New Roles:

Anna Ionel has been hired as an Administrative Assistant to Pam Davis, Administrator.

Jodi Wright is being mentored by Lynzlie Pilfold in the Accounts Manager role.

New Child Development Facilitators:

Allina Faunt
Amanda Ings
Emma Weinhaupt
Jennifer Reimer
Linda Monk
Maria LaChance
Melanie Moss
Nicole Lightfoot
Rachel Reid
Sam Schillmiller
Tammy Noonan
Toddie Motta

Amy Wood
Corlene Deibolt
Gail Bannerman
Jill Scheonfeld
Loralea Butikofer
Melanie Cibula
Michelle Diamond
Norissa Watkins
Rebekah Dempsey
Sue LeBlanc
Terrie Davis
Trudi Antonia



New Teams:

This year we have also started two new Teams. One is covering **SW Calgary** and the other is our **Bow Valley Team** which is out in the Banff & Canmore area. We are thrilled with this expansion which will provide much needed services to families in both these areas.

There you have it! The many new additions to the strong existing teams that are essential to the success of the Cause & Effect Foundation! We look forward to entering our 15th year with each and every one of you.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS



We welcome parents, preschool teachers, Child Development Facilitators and Therapists to attend our in-services. We ask that everyone confirm their attendance with their designated Coordinator one week PRIOR to our PD day. Coordinators will then share their team's attendance with the Administrator so that adequate plans can be made for everyone. While parents are invited to attend we want to remind them that **no child care is provided** at

our PD Day. Our days are typically from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Douglasdale Golf Club. Please note that it is mandatory for CDF's to attend these in-services so they will not be available for your child's preschool or in home program on the following days:

• October 7—we had a terrific 1st PD day with our Behavior Strategists teaching our workshops.

- January 21—our Occupational Therapists will be giving a Sensory Workshop.
- March 3—tentative plan for "Play with a Purpose"
- April 28—Team Building Day

More information will follow in email updates. Be sure and take advantage of these great educational opportunities. Hope to see you there!



MUSIC THERAPY

THIS YEAR WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE SCHEDULED MUSIC THERAPY SESSIONS FOR YOUR CHILD. TICK HERTERT AND SUE SILVERMAN ARE THE TWO MUSIC SPECIALISTS WHO WILL BE MEETING WITH YOUR CHILD FOR A 45 MINUTE GROUP SESSION ALMOST ONCE A MONTH. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULED DATES ON YOUR CAUSE & EFFECT CALENDARS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SCHEDULED SESSIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COORDINATOR DIRECTLY TO ALERT THEM TO YOUR ABSENCE.

SOME OF OUR MUSIC SESSIONS MAY FALL ON THE SAME DAY AND TIME AS PRESCHOOL. BEING THAT THE MUSIC SESSIONS ARE ONLY PROVIDED PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE THEM YOUR PRIORITY OVER SCHOOL ON SUCH DAYS.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE SESSION YOUR CHILD ATTENDS, PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE D'AMICO AT 403.720.2628 OR EMAIL HER AT: bdamico@telus.net

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We're on the web...

www.causeandeffectfoundation.com

Dance therapy

PILOT PROJECT...



We are also excited to offer Dance Therapy Sessions to our Calgary Children this year. Being that this is a pilot project, we are starting off small in the hope of extending it to all our families next year. Kathleen Collier is leading our dance sessions and she is excited about working with your children.

Once again, if you have any questions, please direct them to Bonnie D'Amico for session placement or your Coordinator regarding your child's attendance.

Don't Forget...

Individual Program Plan Meetings

The Family Liaison Coordinators have been calling parents to set up a team meeting to review their child's Individual Program Plan (IPP). Your Child Development Facilitator will also attend the IPP meeting.

All dates and times of meetings will be confirmed by each designated coordinator and you will be notified accordingly. IPP Meetings will be occurring during October and November.



If you are a returning family, your IPP will occur in October. If you are a new family your IPP will be scheduled for November. Once all IPP's have been confirmed and signed off, the Teacher & Coordinator will be delivering the Goal Tracking Sheets to begin the process of formalized tracking. If you have any questions during this process please talk to your Family Liaison Coordinator as she is more than willing to help you.

PUF/BUDGET

Leslie & Bonnie are starting to organize individual PUF Budgets...



Families will be contacted by phone to review each child's program needs. Wait for our call – we look forward to connecting with you.

Transition Assistance for Children Entering ECS/Kindergarten in Fall 2010

Cause & Effect Teachers provide information to the parents of children who will be starting ESC/Kindergarten in the Fall of 2010. These tools are given to equip parents to make decisions regarding their child's future education. The Special Education Teacher on your team will be talking to you about this in January since January is the beginning of registration for ECS. If you have any questions about this, feel free to ask the Teacher on your team.

Reminder! if you have any change of contact information please send it to Pam at pamcauseandeffect@shaw.ca



We don't want you missing out on any important information or correspondence! ☺



Mark your calendar ...

for Preschool Registration in January! We ask that all families that plan to return to C&E in Fall 2010, [especially those with children who are 4 years old] register their children in an afternoon program in order to accommodate the new, younger children joining us in the Fall.

COLD & FLU SEASON...



With the rising concern of the H1N1 virus and other virus's that are now prevalent at this time of year, we are asking all our families to take extra precautionary measures with your children when they exhibit any flu like symptoms. Example: fever, sore throat, nasal discharge, coughing, upset stomach, etc. If your child has any of these symptoms, we ask that you notify the Team members that were scheduled for the day & reschedule your session. If any other family members are ill please ensure they are completely segregated from the play session. All CDF's and therapists will take the necessary precautions that were outlined by Cause & Effect. We all are trying our best to remain healthy so we do not pass on the virus to other children we work with. Many of our children are medically fragile and we want to do our best to prevent them from contracting any sickness.

C&E "Staff" Christmas Party

Where: Douglasdale Golf Club

When: November 26th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

What to Bring: \$10-15 gift - Christmas Entertaining Theme.

Dinner Ticket: \$20

Deadline to Purchase: Oct 31st to Lynzie Piffold.



Charitable Status

Remember that we can receipt you for any charitable donations you give to Cause & Effect Foundation.



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Halloween Safety! Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

Help your child pick or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.

If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY... OPEN HOUSE

DEC 4TH ~ 1-4 PM.

ROTARY CHALLENGER PARK - IN THE TRACK BUILDING ~ 3688 48 AVENUE NE

WE ARE HOSTING OUR 1ST EVER C&E KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY BUT IT IS FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAM!

IT'S A COME & GO PARTY THAT WILL BE FILLED WITH MUSIC, FUN, CRAFTS & FOOD!!

THIS IS OPEN TO ALL OUR FAMILIES AND STAFF. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SOON! ☺