



Apple Blossom Day Homes

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Happy Easter! 2017 is well under way; and with a New Year comes new experiences. Apple Blossom has recently begun phase four of the Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum. Our Educators have been implementing the philosophies of this framework for quite some time and we feel it's time we introduce it to you.

In 2012, Alberta Human Services and Alberta Education co-sponsored MacEwan University and Mount Royal University as community partners to develop a "made in Alberta" early learning curriculum framework for Early Childhood Educators working in child care centers, day home agencies, and Kindergarten with children 0-5 years of age.

The first part of the program noted that active involvement and engagement of the administrators would be key in truly embracing the curriculum. Phase 2 was when Apple Blossom came on board. As an agency, we became a pilot site for this project. We participated in Learning Communities every 2 weeks. At these sessions, core concepts from the framework were introduced and supporting activities to encourage discussions were planned.

The framework is a flexible one for thinking about how children learn and experience their worlds, as well as a guide that fosters strong early childhood communities. This framework **may confirm what educators already do** intuitively in their work with children and families. It can also **provoke new ways of thinking surrounding common practices.**

In the coming months we will be discussing specific topics surrounding the framework and how this could look within your specific day home. Stay tuned!



Policy Input

This month, the policy we are asking for your input on is from your General Agreement Parent Responsibilities # 22 "Parents must COMPLETE and SIGN the "Medication Administration and Authorization" form before and medication is administered to a child. ALL medication must be in its original, labeled container"

Please give us your opinion by: calling the office, e-mailing us at www.appleblossomdayhomes.com, or mailing it to Box 20042 KPO, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8M4

We appreciate the time you take to give us your input.

STAT Holidays

STAT holidays for your day home include April 14th and 17th for Easter. If your day home chooses to remain open on these days, please note that there will be an additional hourly charge of \$6.25 on top of your regular child care fees.

Points of Interest

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