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THE SCOOPS

SPRING IS IN THE AIR! We're so excited to have longer days and warmer weather!

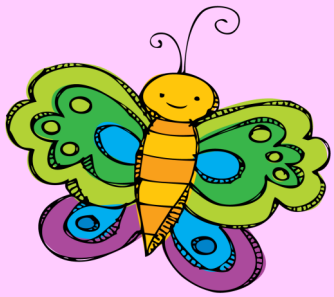
WELCOMES:

Welcome to **Abby McCutcheon** and **Elaina Dunbar** in **Staffed Resource Support.**

Welcome to new Home Share Providers **Flavia & Collin Miranda and Jasmine Brown**

REMINDERS:

- With warmer weather upon us, just a reminder to dress in layers as the mornings are cooler but the afternoons warm up. Make sure your belongings are labelled.
- ***Feeling Under the Weather?*** Cold and Flu Season is still upon us and we ask all service recipients to **please stay home** when they are sick, to reduce the spread of illness. If you are showing signs and symptoms such as: fever, cough, runny nose, vomiting, upset stomach or diarrhea etc. please stay home**.**
  If you arrive to supports or programs displaying these symptoms, we will contact your family or Home Share Provider to come pick you up.
  We want everyone to be healthy and minimize spreading illness to others.
- ***Continue reading for more upcoming activities and updates***



"Come the spring with all its splendor, all its birds and all its blossoms. All its flowers and leaves and grass"

- Goodfellow -

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Here are some important upcoming dates:

- **Friday March 7th. PRC Spring Program Registration @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday March 9th. Daylight Savings time begins - *clocks* ahead by 1 hr.**
- **Monday March 17th. St. Patrick's Day**
- **Thursday March 20th. First Day of Spring**
- **Wednesday April 9th. Spring BBQ & Access Idol** (details next page)
- **Friday April 18th. Good Friday - Access is Closed**
- **Monday April 21st. Easter Monday - Access is closed**
- **Sunday May 11th. Mothers Day**
- **Monday May 19th. Victoria Day - Access is closed**
- **Tuesday May 27th. PRC Summer Program Guide Available - ONLINE -**
- **Friday June 6th. PRC Summer Registration @ 10:00 a.m.**

oGoFLOAT

Our **Home Share** Program wanted to acknowledge Home Share Providers dedication and provide an opportunity for Respite. Access Resources teamed up with the **oGoFloat**, the Community Float Fund. This program offers opportunities to recharge and rejuvenate to those who need it most, including our Home Share Providers. The Home Share Team opened up this opportunity to our current HSP's as they recognize that they go above and beyond daily, and it's not always easy finding a respite opportunity.

We'd like to congratulate **Jojo H, Wendy D** and **Lil B** as the winners of this amazing opportunity.

These winners will be provided with a 90 minute float in a very relaxing atmosphere. Thank you to **oGoFLOAT** for providing this opportunity and supporting our Home Share Providers. **oGoFloat** is located in Penticton and offers a one of a kind experience. **oGoFloat** has two state-of-the-art float tanks, named Samadhi and Oasis, each designed to deliver consistently exceptional floating experiences.

www.ogofloat.ca

ACCESS IDOL & KICK OFF TO SPRING BBQ

It's back……. and we're proud to present our **3rd ACCESS IDOL!** We can't wait to see everyone's talents and enthusiasm for this exciting event. We want to see singing, acting, juggling, instruments and dancing etc. Who will get the Golden Ticket?

Enjoy lunch on us as we host a **Spring BBQ Lunch** this day as well. Bring your appetite, creative talent and big smiles. Individuals must register for the BBQ by: **Friday, April 4th.** to Angie or Sonja

DETAILS:

Date: Wednesday April 9th

Time:

11:30-12:30 - BBQ Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 - Access Idol

For more information, please contact Sonja or Angie at the office.

HAPPIPAD & HOME SHARE

Our Home Share team has partnered with Happipad to increase recruitment and provide opportunities for others to learn more about the program. For more information, please visit: **Happipad - Rent a spare room**

CARF SURVEY

"Spring: A lovely reminder of how BEAUTIFUL change can truly be"

Access Resources is proud to be an **CARF** accredited service provider and we will be completing our 7th Survey this spring (May/June 2025)

CARF® International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. Through accreditation, **CARF** assists service providers in demonstrating value by the quality of their services

Access Resources strives to meet **CARF** standards to ensure our services are in alignment.

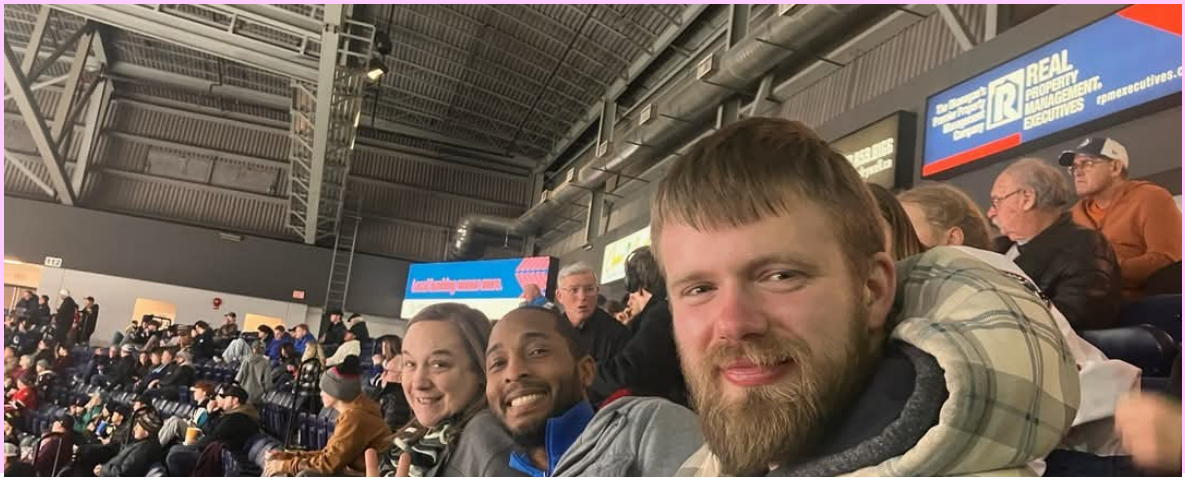
During our Survey which is typically 3 days, the Surveyor's will be meeting with the Management team and Staff to review all areas of service and accountability at all sites under the agency. Part of the Survey process is to meet with and interview supported individuals and their families / Home Share Providers / Support Network. These meetings are usually 15-30 minutes long and can be done in person, via Teams or on the phone. If you are interested in participating in this process, please let Angie or Sonja know.

We thank you for your consideration and interest in this process.

FEEDBACK

Just a reminder that we welcome feedback and input. We like to provide these opportunities to individuals and families via our annual Survey process, I.P.P. Meetings, via our Website **(www.accessresources.ca)** and with our open door policy.

SAY CHEESE



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