

Caregiver Training Connections



Welcome to the June 2026 newsletter from the Provincial Caregiver Training Team!

This newsletter provides key updates, training stats and more for Alberta caregivers and practitioners.

Please forward as necessary to your teams and/or caregivers.



Summer training calendar is here!

Caregivers and agency workers can view the pre-service and in-service dates for **July and August** by visiting the [AFKA](#) and [ALIGN](#) websites. View the following resources on these sites and more!

- [July-August 2026 pre-service check-ins](#) (foster and permanency applicant caregivers).
- [July-August 2026 in-service calendar](#) (approved kinship, foster and permanency caregivers).
- [Caregiver training inventory tool](#) (updated listing of caregiver training offerings).

CFS and DFNA staff can access these resources on the [Caregiver Training SharePoint](#).

Weekly summer Q&As

Weekly virtual Q&A sessions with the **Provincial Caregiver Training Team** continue this summer for caregivers, agency workers and staff.

These sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions about training, registration, certificates and available supports. Join us every **Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** through [Zoom](#).



Training cancellations

Training sessions may be **cancelled** up to and including the start time due to low enrollment or participant no shows as meaningful learning relies on shared commitment and group engagement.

If you're unable to attend your training, **unenroll directly** in [PRIDE](#) or **contact 780-427-0159** to help us inform decisions and open space for others.



Training with sensitive topics

Some caregiver training topics may be especially challenging for individuals who are currently, or have recently, experienced, or supported others through significant **trauma**, such as **suicide, self-harm or substance use disorders, etc.** While these trainings are mandatory, caregivers are encouraged to attend when they feel best able and well supported.

Connecting with your practitioner to develop a **plan** for **additional supports**, or to discuss meeting training requirements at another date, may be an important part of self care and readiness for learning.



Register for in-person training today!

The following training is open to **kinship, foster and permanency caregivers**. Location information for in-person training will be sent through email to caregivers registered in PRIDE one day prior to training.

Edmonton

Understanding Sexual Abuse and Managing Disclosures

(Pilot of updated materials)

Monday, June 22 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Learn how to respond to and report disclosures of sexual abuse in a way that supports children and youth, while protecting the integrity of potential evidence and investigation. This training shares the importance of healing from experience of sexual abuse.

[Register on PRIDE](#)



Calgary

Suicide Awareness

(Pilot of updated materials)

Monday, July 6 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Learn to recognize the signs of suicide risk, understand their role within the caregiving team and build confidence in having safe, supportive conversations with children and youth about suicide.

[Register on PRIDE](#)



Indigenous events to attend this summer!

Take part in events and activities throughout Alberta.

Edmonton Area

Enoch Cree Nation Summer Competition Powwow

Enoch Cree Nation

Date: July 10 to 12, 2026

Participants: All ages

Activities: Activities to be posted soon! Stay tuned!

See link below for information.

[EVENTS — Enoch Cree Nation Tourism](#)



5th Annual Youth Teepee Summit

Northeast River Valley Event Centre

Date: July 28 to 30, 2026

Participants: Ideal for ages 12 to 19 years of age.

Activities: Interactive workshops, inspirational speakers, teepee teachings, round dancing and more!

[2026 Teepee Summit - First Nations Health Consortium](#)



2026 Alberta Indigenous Games

Edmonton, Alberta

Date: August 7 to 15, 2026

Participants: 7,000+ Indigenous youth (ages 7U-21U), including advisors, coaches, and officials; open to First Nation, Métis, Inuit, Native American and Non-Status First Nation youth across Alberta and North America.

Activities: 16 sports over 9 days, with events such as archery, athletics, basketball, ball hockey, baseball, beach volleyball (COED), canoe/kayak and cross country.

[Alberta Indigenous Games](#)



Calgary Area

Tsuut'ina Treaty Day

Sarcee Seven Chiefs Sportsplex

Date: June 25, 2026, parade 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Participants: All ages

Activities: Fun games, contests, 10K run, open jam/karaoke and more!

[Treaty Day 2026 | Tsuut'ina](#)



Comedy & Puppet Storytelling

Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall, Central Library

Date: June 24, 2026, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Participants: All ages

Activities: Puppet show featuring Indigenous storytelling and humor. As part of National Indigenous History Month, join renowned Blackfoot and Tsuut'ina puppeteer DerRic Starlight for a high-energy comedy and puppet storytelling experience.

[Comedy & Puppet Storytelling | Eventbrite](#)



Northern Alberta

Sucker Creek First Nation - SCFN Treaty Day

Sucker Creek First Nation Ball - Diamonds and Recreation Center

Date: June 26, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Participants: All ages

Activities: Activities to be posted soon! Stay tuned! See link below for information.

[Events & News - Sucker Creek First Nation](#)



Central Alberta

Alberta Métis Fest 2026

Métis Crossing: 17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake

Date: June 12 to 13, 2026

Participants: All ages

Activities: Cultural activities for families, children and youth, Métis performers, battle of the bands, vendor bucks prizes and artisan market.

[Alberta Métis Fest - Otipemisiwak Métis Government](#)



Southern Alberta

Siksika Nation Fair Powwow 2026

Piiksa'pi Memorial Arbour, East of Hwy 22X (east of Calgary), Siksika – Gordon Yello Fly Memoria Arbor

Date: June 26 to 28, 2026

Participants: All ages

Activities: Powwow, hand games, rodeo, Blackfoot Invitational Basketball and more!

[POWWOW](#)



Training at a glance

Below are provincial caregiver training completions for **April 1 to May 31, 2026**.

See the breakdown by training curriculum and caregiver type.

Curriculum	Training Completions		
	Total	Foster Care*	Kinship
Pre-Service	89	89	N/A
Foundations of Caregiver Support	66	29	37
In-Service**	218	218	0
Kinship Orientation Training	62	0	62
Lifelong Connections	58	58	0
Med Admin	51	51	0
Safe Babies	65	49	16
Weathering the Storm	53	51	2
Facilitated Courses	420	407	13

*Includes therapeutic and permanency.

**PRIDE in-service e-learning modules includes completion in any of the seven available modules.

Notes:

- Some completions may contain enrollments prior to **April 1, 2026**.
- Facilitated courses – numbers are pulled based on sessions scheduled within date range.
- Completion disparity may result from nonattendance without unenrollment or survey incompleteness.



Do you have a newsletter suggestion?

If so, send your suggestion [here](#) – it may be included in future editions of the newsletter! We look forward to hearing from you!