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## NEWSLETTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Hello Everyone!

The New Year has come in with a flurry of activities. Our first class for the Disabilities and Community Certification Course occurred on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There are 18 people registered and 2 spots still remain in the course if anyone still wants to register. The course times are changing to 8:30-10:30am from 9:00-1030am. The course runs every Friday morning. Welcome to all the students. Many Thanks to Bow Valley College for seeing the value of such a program for the Community Disabilities sector.

Our CET dates have been bumped to June 26-28, 2012. We will be giving you more information as we get closer to the dates of CET. We are working on revamping our policies and we do want you to take the time to review the policy on Water Temperature. The policy addressed the requirements for equipment, the requirements for monitoring and the requirements for training based on the need of the individuals in the home. Please take the time to review this policy and if you require more information please do not hesitate to discuss this with your Coordinator. We are already beginning plans for the next Diversity Day party to be held here at the office on March 16, 2012. Mark your Calendars for an afternoon of food, entertainment and camaraderie.

We leave you with New Age Services Inc.'s Vision statement:  
**People Working Together to Create Fulfilling Lives**

Helene and Rosemarie

### Announcements

#### You are invited:

Catherine McCarthy would like to Host the first Tea meeting on 23rd of February from 10.00 am to Noon at her home for all caregivers that want to be connected socially. Often the work with our clients is isolating and this is an opportunity to meet socially and stay connected as a group that can support each other. Please contact Catherine at 403-698-2412 to let her know if you can attend.

Quality of Life Contest: One lucky ACDS member will win \$1000. Simply request a Home or Auto Insurance Quote from Dec. 1, 2011 to Apr. 30, 2012 and you'll be automatically entered to WIN. Plus for each qualifying quote provided during the contest period, Jonson will donate \$10.00 to a separate grant that will be awarded to the Winner's organization to purchase technology equipment and /or enrol in education programs. Information and details @1-800-563-0677 and [www.quotejohnson.ca/contest](http://www.quotejohnson.ca/contest)

In the know!!! The "Y" membership entrance fee is waived for all individuals on AISH. This is usually \$75.00. Also AISH

individuals only have to pay \$15.00 a month for membership dues.

Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Coverage is an option for our employees, caregivers and contractors who don't qualify for our plan. The plan looks good for people who have a lot of prescription expenses.

### HOLIDAYS & IMPORTANT DATES

#### **FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY**

NAS Inc. will be closed Monday February 20, 2012 in observance of Family Day. Due to Employment Standards Regulations employees that meet minimum requirements for stat pay will receive Feb. 20, 2012 as a stat.

Please note: Heritage Day, Monday, August 6, 2012 will be our mandatory closure. Heritage Day will no longer be observed as a statutory holiday by NAS Inc.

#### **DIVERSITY DAY CELEBRATIONS MARCH 16, 2012**

New Age Services Inc. will be celebrating Multiculturalism on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2012. We are looking for people who are interested in sharing their culture with our clients. We welcome: cultural food, entertainment, stories, music, dance, decorations that you would like to set-up and any suggestions you have to offer. Please contact Carmen @403-242-6672 ext. 108 to let her know what you would like to contribute.

#### Mandatory Training

All NAS Inc. employees, caregivers, contractors (including respite) and family members who require **First Aid and CPR** need to register. Class held at NAS Inc. Saturday Feb 4, 2012 - 9-5.

Please bring a lunch as there will be no time to go out. The cost is \$90.00 per person. Please call Carmen @403-242-6672 ex 108 to register.

All NAS Inc employees, caregivers, contractors (including respite) and family members who require **PBS Training (Restrictive Practices)** need to register in one of the following 2 classes held at NAS.

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2-evenings from 6-9 (must attend both evenings for certification)

Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2012 9-3

Please register with Carmen @403-242-6672 ex 108

This training is free.

**These certifications are a mandatory requirement of the Offer of Employment or contract with NAS Inc.**

## Welcome to New Age Services Inc.:

Nicole Chiremba, Lisa Shaw and Stacie Tidlund our new Team Leaders, Edith Kloberdanz is back helping us with organizing CET's, Rose Jin in Administration. Front-line Staff: Bolu Aromolaran, Gerry Datahan, Chinekwu Ibeabuchi, Sebit Lobwota. Caregivers: Fe Boutin, Lyn Boyd, Beverley Caldwell, Olu Ogunfadebo and Claudette Thompson



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**Foundation Starts Feb. 2, 2012** every second Thursday from 9-10 AM. The course will take about 18 months and cost approximately \$40.00 +GST per module (18 MODULES)

**Last chance to enrol for a Disability & Community Support Certificate**

Classes started January 27, 2012. The next class is February 3, 2012. There is still room for 2 people who would like to enroll. New Age Services will help support them to make up for the first class they missed. The course is every Friday morning from 8:30-10:30 at New Age Services. Please contact Carmen @ ext.108 for more information or to register.

### Staff of the month

Congratulations Craig Cooney

New Age Services would like to recognize Craig Cooney, a valuable member of our team, for the wonderful and caring support he provides his client. Alongside his wife, Madonna, Craig has provided exceptional services through NAS since June 2006, however; they have been John's caregiver for the past 9 years. Craig passionately encourages and supports John in exploring his goals and dreams, resulting in a successful and rewarding program for John. He is an enthusiastic member of his community. Craig has worked in the field of human services for many years in a variety of capacities, bringing forth his expertise. He is a proud grandparent (Congratulations!!!) and enjoys travelling, making wine and spending time with his family. A native Newfoundlander, Craig's great sense of honour, patience and a genuine approach makes Craig a pleasure to work with. Thank you Craig for all that you do for New Age Services Inc. and those around you"

**Influenza Immunization "Fall into the Routine"**

Alberta Health Services web site displays an Immunization Clinic Schedule. You can search for clinics by location or by date. We encourage all staff, clients and their families to participate as this reduces illness and absenteeism for our clients and staff absenteeism which affects our clients. Please be sure to bring your Alberta Health Care Card and wear a short sleeve shirt.  
 For 24/7 Health Advice phone Health Link Alberta @1-866-408-5465 or visit the Alberta Health web site @ [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)

**NEW AGE SERVICES INC. IS HIRING!**

Please forward information to New Age Services Inc. by email at [information@newageservices.ca](mailto:information@newageservices.ca) or by fax at 403-209-0528.

**Full Time Community Disabilities Team Leader**

A full-time Community Disabilities Team Leader is needed for our Day & Residential Programs to work with individuals with developmental and some physical disabilities.  
**Requirements:** A diploma in Human Services Studies and two years related work experience or a minimum of five years related work experience. Individuals must have an intermediate level of computer knowledge, exceptional documentation ability

and facilitation and problem solving skills. Must have the ability to establish an atmosphere of trust, openness and communication and an attitude based on working together towards shared objectives.

**Community Disabilities Practitioners Permanent & Relief**

Day Program workers are needed to provide support to individuals with a range of developmental and some physical disabilities. **Requirements:** Class 5 driver's license & appropriate insurance, Certified Rehabilitation Diploma and/or related experience working with people with disabilities in a community and/or residential setting, Behavioural management skills, Good communication skills, Ability to work independently, Must be a team player, flexible and outgoing.

**Full time and Respite Residential Caregivers**

Full time and Respite Residential caregivers are needed to provide support to individuals with a range of disabilities. **Requirements:** Preferably two support staff in the home, highly skilled with experience dealing with mental health issues and challenging aggressive behaviors. There must be no vulnerable individuals in the home, this includes children.

**Requests for changes in your position, or request for change in hours**

There are often new positions opening up within our agency. Our process is to give positions to people within the agency first. We consider staffs that have made requests for additional hours, or work, client match, qualifications, contributions to the agency including work ethics. Anyone wanting to be considered should contact their direct supervisor.

**Client Workshops**

**Meeting and Making Friends@ Vecova** from January 19-March 29/12 Cost: \$10.00 3:45-5pm every Thursday

**Money Matters Workshops (FREE)**

**@Horizon 14, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor 723 14<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.** Tuesdays 1 – 3 contact ILS Program Manager @403-297-1740 **AND**

**@Momentum 16, 2936 Radcliffe Drive S.E.** Thursdays 1 -3 Contact Shirley 403-204-2664

**LEARN Winter 2012 Program** LEARN has added 3 new programs to their schedule of classes find more information @ [learn@ilrcc.ab.ca](mailto:learn@ilrcc.ab.ca)



**BIRTHDAYS!!**



A very Happy Birthday goes out to the following people for the month of February: Frank Barbaro, Audrey Bird, Brendan Block, Wendy Chen, Nicole Chiremba, Christina deKlerk, Denise Dunn, Thelma Howie, Rose Jin, Veena Prasad, Jim Simpson, Elmer Swanson, Trish Swanson, Wade Watson, Kelsie Webster, Sean Winton, Diana Zinter,

*"In dwelling, live close to the ground. In thinking, keep to the simple. In conflict, be fair and generous. In governing, don't try to control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family life, be completely present." Lao Tzu*