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NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

We at NAS Inc. wish you all a safe and Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a good time at the New Age Services Inc.'s Christmas Party held on December 16, 2011. Thank you to the Croatian Canadian Culture Center for their beautiful space, wonderful food and their generous monetary donation in helping with the cost of the meal. A special thanks to the leadership team for organizing the party and helping throughout the night to make sure that everything was running smoothly. Thank you to Gerry Datahan for the DJ entertainment. This definitely set the tone for the evening. Hopewell Distribution Center continues to be generous to NAS Inc and donated all the food in the door prize baskets. Many thanks goes to Anna Rogers who was instrumental in creating the idea for the center pieces and then her work in making sure all the materials were made available for their creation. Thank you to those that participated in the silent auction of the center pieces made by the individuals in our day program. Thank you to Santa, elf Daniel, girl guides Ashley, Danielle for babysitting and Michele and Judy for selling Christmas Cards donated by Jim Anderson to support our day Program. 183 people attended NAS Inc. Christmas Party.

Looking back at the year, NAS Inc. celebrated our second year of diversity day in March, we held a successful fundraiser in April at Shanks and in May we began renovating our space for offices and day program with many thanks to PDD and Xemex Contracting. June we had our annual agency picnic. We received from PDD bonuses in October. We ended our renovation in November. We held our Foundations Graduation in December. To date 22 NAS Inc.'s staff have graduated from this program. We are beginning our Community Disabilities Studies Certificate program beginning in January. If you are interested in ensuring you are meeting the Workforce Classification criteria within the disabilities sector please contact Carmen at 403-242 6672 ext 108 to register. We continued our membership with ACDS, Calgary Service Providers Council, Calgary Workforce Council and Accessible Housing Working Group and the Visibility and Awareness Committee. We were busy.

In light of the New Year beginning we leave you with a few things to be grateful for:

- Be grateful to be part of this country, this province, this city.
- Be grateful to be born under the circumstances we are.
- Be grateful for having been given the gifts that allowed us to overcome hardship and challenges in our lives.
- Be grateful for having been given the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to ourselves, our families, our communities, our country and the world.
- Be grateful to be able to care for and empower the individuals we work with.
- Be grateful for your abilities.

Have a wonderful 2012 year

Helene and Rosemarie

DECEMBER OFFICE CLOSURE
DECEMBER 26 (STAT)
DECEMBER 27-30 (MANDATORY CLOSURE)
JANUARY 2, 2012 (STAT)

Announcements

- 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
-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.

Mandatory Training

All NAS Inc. employees, caregivers, contractors (including respite) and family members who require **First Aid and CPR** need to register in one of the following 2 classes held at NAS.
Monday Jan 9, 2012 9-5
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 **Restrictive Practices** need to register in one of the following 2 classes held at NAS.
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 9-3
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.

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

Disability & Community Support Certificate

New Age Services Inc is partnering with Bow Valley College to offer this 38 credit course, 465 hrs of instruction plus 105 hrs of Practicum over a 2-3 year period beginning Jan 6, 2012. Classes are Friday mornings from 9-10:30 at our agency.

Contact Carmen at extension 108 for more information or to register.



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Staff of the Month

Congratulations Terra Gregory

New Age Services Inc. would like to thank and applaud Terra Gregory for the fantastic work she has been doing as a caregiver and community access for Faye who lives in her home. Terra's hard work and dedication to her client has proven her to be an invaluable member of our team. Not only does Terra show a genuine caring attitude towards people, but she also has demonstrated her professionalism in handling many challenging situations. Terra has been in the field most of her life and has dedicated it to all she supports. Terra is a strong advocate and has always believed in enhancing one's life and ensuring that they get the best care possible all the while her life is enriched by learning what they have to offer. Terra joined New Age Services Inc. in November 2006 and then in 2008 started community access with Faye. Faye has lived with Terra since 1999. Along with her partner Vern, Terra provides excellent services to the individuals she serves. Thank you both for your continued effort and hard work and dedication to us!

Influenza Immunization: Fall into the Routine

Alberta Health Services seasonal flu shot has begun at locations around the city. 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.

Locations are as follows:

1. Brentwood Village Mall
2. Avenida Village
3. Richmond Road Diagnostic Treatment Center
4. Northgate
5. Beddington Towne Centre
6. South Calgary Health Centre

Hours : 11:30am – 7:00 pm Monday to Friday

For more information contact your doctor, phone Health Link Alberta @1-866-408-5465 or visit the Alberta Health web site www.albertahealthservices.ca

NEW AGE SERVICES INC. IS HIRING!

Please forward information to New Age Services Inc. by email at 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. Individual 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

Anger Management @ Vecova from January 17- March 27/ 12
 Cost \$10.00 3:45pm- 5pm every Tuesday

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, 9th Floor 723 14th 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



BIRTHDAYS!!



A very Happy Birthday goes out to the following people for the month of January: Cody Beasley, Shay Bonner, Monica Dowling, Bradley Jeffrey, Merilee Maida, Maline Jenkinson, Patricia Kronebusch, Joseph Li, Sebit Lobwota, Adenike Olagundoye, Jennifer Osz, Rosemarie Painter.

I learned that in each of us there burns a flame of independence that must never be allowed to go out. That as long as it exists within us we cannot be destroyed."

— Bryce Courtenay, The Power of One