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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

You will find in your pay the PDD bonus. For those who work fulltime the bonus will be \$1500.00. It is prorated for those that are part-time. The deductions for employees are completed separately than your regular pay deductions. Please find an explanation attached to your paystub. If you still have further questions please contact your Coordinator for clarification.

Please welcome Shauna Chong to the Team Leader position and Carmen Gallant as our new Administrative Clerk. Christina de Klerk is our new Administrative Assistant. A warm welcome also goes out to our new Community Disabilities Practitioners Chessman Canon and Reta Mullins.

We are again holding the Shop and Support fundraising initiative from October 1, 2011- December 31, 2011. Please consider purchasing gift cards through this program for personal use as well as for gifts you may want to give. This is an easy fundraiser that requires very little effort on anyone's part and will help us greatly. Please advise the people you know that they can use this program for gift card purchases even though they are not directly involved with New Age Services Inc. Please find attached a list of all the retail vendors you are able to order gift cards for and an order form and explanation of how the fundraising initiative works. If you have a fundraising initiative that you would like to see happen for the agency please talk to Helene about your ideas. Please look in the next newsletter dates for our Christmas party and fundraising initiatives.

We are starting our Policy Review in preparation for CET. Meetings are held twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. If you would like to participate or have information regarding our policies please contact Helene at 403 242 6672 ext 123. We are in the process of changing all of our file system to a more efficient e file system in a continuous effort to go paper less. We have put work into changing our internet server and provider as part of the renovations. As with everything new it takes some getting used to and a few glitches to resolve, please bear with us as we go through this transition.

Helene and Rosemarie

EMPLOYEE of the MONTH **Congratulations to Madonna Cooney**

We would like to take this time to recognize Madonna Cooney for all of the effort she puts into to her position and the individual she supports. Madonna has been a caregiver with New Age Services Inc. since 2006 and has welcomed John into her home and family. Madonna's generosity, patience, creativity, knowledge and caring ways have made this caregiving model possible. Madonna's approach is always cool, calm and collected. Madonna has the ability to be flexible and has assisted NAS in a variety of situations. Madonna enjoys going on vacation with her husband Craig who also supports John during the day and spending time with her family especially her grandson. It is a pleasure working with someone who is a strong advocate and has the energy of seeing through complexity. Madonna's dedication to supporting people with disabilities is commendable and admirable. Thank you Madonna for all that you do for New Age Services Inc and those around you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for helping us furnish our new day area. Every morning our clients enjoy an area made welcome with your donations. We are still looking for a vacuum cleaner we can keep upstairs and if anyone has a large flat screen TV that can be attached to a wall for the upstairs training/boardroom we would greatly appreciate it. We are hopeful that over the next year we can fundraise to buy new furniture for both the new day area as well as the upstairs board/training room and outreach area. Until then your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

NAS file requirements

Caregivers are responsible for themselves and their Respite workers to have Abuse Protocol Training and Positive Restrictive Practices Training. Certification classes are provided by New Age Services Inc. free of charge and the certificates do not require renewal. Caregivers need to register for the training. Class dates to be announced at a later date.



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Fall Courses and Workshops

LEARN Program Fall 2011 classes are starting. For further information contact the LEARN coordinator @403-263-6880 or e-mail learn@ilrcc.ab.ca

ACDS Fall Training Opportunities: checkout the ACDS website (www.acds.ca) for more details on training opportunities. For more details on the Foundations curriculum go to www.acdsonline.ca

Vecova has starting their fall sessions coming up:

- Anger Management Session:
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 and
- Meeting People and making Friends Session:
Thursday, November 3, 2011

To register, please contact Carol Dunham 403-297-5174 or e-mail carol.dunham@gov.ab.ca

Alberta Safeguards Foundation Presents: Michael Kendrick's workshop: **Examining the Benefits of Authenticity and Integrity...When Values Are Lived; Not Just Talked About**, Monday, October 3, 2011, 9:00-4:00 pm (registration 8:30 am) @ Parkdale United Church 2919 - 8th Avenue NW, Calgary, AB

Community Resource Database

Database. <http://resource.ilrcc.ab.ca>

This resource guide is intended to be used by consumers and service providers alike. Consumers can quickly and easily navigate among 500+ community organizations and programs without requiring the help of a support worker, thereby instilling a sense of self advocacy and independence. This is also a great resource for support workers searching for resources to meet any given consumer's needs. In some cases this will help workers save time and effort in avoiding the involvement of a third party individual to seek the information required. Furthermore, this database is updated to the best of our ability. To ensure that your organization's correct information is always accurate; please send an information update request to Brittanee Zaitsoff at lifeskills@ilrcc.ab.ca when needed.

HOLIDAYS & IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that NAS INC. will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2011 to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

NEW AGE SERVICES INC. IS HIRING!

Please forward information to New Age Services by email at information@newageservices.ca or by fax at 403-209-0528.

Respite

NAS Inc. is looking for respite applications. We have a Caregiver looking for respite in Silverado. The client needs a variety of supports, he needs respite hourly, daily and overnights. If anyone is interested, please contact Kathryn Senio at 403 242 6672 Ext. 107.

Full time and Respite Residential Caregivers

Full time and Respite Residential caregivers 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.

Full Time Community Disabilities Team Leader

A full-time Community Disabilities Team Leader is required for Day & Residential Programs, working with individuals with developmental disabilities

Community Outreach Practitioner

New Age Services Inc. is looking for a Community Disability Practitioners within our Day Program to assist persons with developmental and physical disabilities in the community for recreation, employment and socialization. Education and experience in a related field is an asset. Applicants must have a vehicle with valid Class 5 license, intermediate computer level, strong communication skills, and the ability to work independently and as a member of our team.

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.



BIRTHDAYS!!



A very Happy Birthday goes out to the following for the month of October: Madonna and Craig Cooney, Suzanne Desjardins, Jim Krawchuk and Colin Tremblay.