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Child Care Fee Subsidies in the Rainy River District

The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) provides Child Care Fee Subsidy to those who are in need and qualify for assistance with Child Care fees.

Effective December 1, 2004, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services has changed its policy regarding the treatment of Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs) and Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs).

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services has changed its policy

“RRSPs and RESPs will no longer be considered as liquid assets and contributions for such can be considered as debt payment.”

Please contact Kim Gardiamn, Children’s Services Manager at (807) 274-5349, ext. 20 if you wish to discuss if/how this policy may affect eligibility/level of subsidy, or contact the Child Care Operator if you are in need of child care fee subsidy.

Licensed Child Care Sites:

Atikokan:
Rainbow Child Care Centre (807)597-4517

Devlin:
Country View Child Care Centre (807)486-1264

Fort Frances:
Fort Frances Children’s Complex (807)274-5457

Fort Frances Private Home Day Care Centre (807)274-6918

Licensed Nursery Schools:

Atikokan:
2-3-4 Playgroup Inc.
(807)597-1464



Fort Frances:
Nursery School Inc. (807)274-5653

Rainy River Playschool Inc. (807)852-3362

Family Resource Centres/sites of the Ontario Early Years Centre – offering a variety of parenting/caregiver supports to families in the Rainy River District:

Atikokan Sundog Toy Lending Library & Parenting Resource Centre (807) 597-1481

Emo Toy Lending Resource Centre (807) 482-2946

Fort Frances Toy Lending & Family Resource Centre (807) 274-8588

Rainy River Toy Library & Resource Centre (807) 852-3362

Child Care Centre of Rural **Stratton** Inc. (807) 483-5319

Kim Gardiman, Children’s Services Manager

Ontario Works Update

It’s been business as usual in the Ontario Works Program. Staff are working hard to assist participants in reaching financial independence and gain entry into the workforce through job specific training and basic employment measures.

The Ontario Works staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

~ Krista Ballard, Employment Support Worker

Land Ambulance

The Township of Lake of the Woods, Canadian Helicopters, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the RRDSSAB are pleased to announce the opening of an Air Ambulance Heliport in Morson. This heliport will be used to access the Ontario Air Ambulance System, providing access to dedicated Air Ambulance Helicopters currently located in Kenora and Thunder Bay. The rapid movement of critically injured patients to a higher level of care and the appropriate treatment facility will greatly benefit the residents within the Township of Lake of the Woods and the District of Rainy River. The heliport site was prepared and will be maintained by the Township of Lake of the Woods. The heliport cones for the site were supplied by the MoHLTC – Emergency Health Services Branch. The Rainy River DSSAB would like to congratulate all the partners that supported this initiative to the benefit of all citizens in the District. On November 15, Canadian Helicopter completed the final inspection of the site and provided the public in attendance the opportunity to explore the helicopter and speak with the flight crew



and air paramedics. They were joined by staff from Riverside Ambulance who conducted tours of an ambulance and the district Emergency Support Unit.

Influenza or “the flu” season is upon us. One way to help protect you and your family is to have a flu vaccine. If you are considering the vaccine, but require more information, check out the Northwestern Health Unit website at www.nwhu.on.ca, fact sheet on influenza vaccine, visit the closest Health Unit office or call the Health Unit for further information at **807-274-9827**.

96% of Paramedics in the District have gone that extra mile to protect our “influenza at risk” patients by receiving the influenza vaccine. The Rainy River District has one of the highest Paramedic immunization rates in the Province of Ontario. Way to go! Our thanks to all the Paramedics for taking the steps necessary to help protect the people you serve. Have a Safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

~Dan McCormick, Land Ambulance Manager

Social Housing Update

There have been some staff changes within housing - Jody DeGagne, the past Tenant Placement Coordinator has taken a position with the County of Simcoe as a Housing Supervisor and Michelle Korpi is the new Tenant Placement Coordinator at the RRDSSAB. We wish Jody and Michelle the best in their new positions. If you or someone you know is looking for clean and affordable rent-geared-to-income housing, please contact Michelle Korpi, Tenant Placement Coordinator.



We currently have three-bedroom and four-bedroom family units available in Atikokan, and senior units available in Fort Frances and Atikokan for people age 60 years and over. We also have units available in Rainy River.

The housing staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

~ Cathe Hoszowski, Social Housing Manager

Season’s Greetings and Happy New Year!



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