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Dear Elves' Families, Caregivers, and Staff:

The Ministry of Community and Social Services is hosting a free online session to address the impact that COVID-19 may be having on individuals who have experienced trauma. The webinar, [Covid Conversations with Dr Karyn Harvey](#) is intended for **Direct Support Workers and Individuals** who receive support services in the community. Dr. Harvey has worked with community support agencies and individuals with diverse abilities for over 25 years. She is not only a published author, but also a consultant within North America supporting intervention and training of staff, administrators, and clinicians on trauma-informed care.

This series will include 2 Webinars (1 hour each). Follow the links below to register:

The first webinar (**Tuesday, June 16 @ 2p.m.**) will be for direct support staff:

- For Direct Support staff, June 16 @ 2p.m.
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zDIS-0WzSba6nyvsy-uN0A

The second webinar (**Thursday, June 18 @ 2 p.m.**) is developed for individuals receiving direct support:

- For Individuals receiving service, Thursday, June 18 @ 2p.m.
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QPaSaMINQbK87miDfojXjQ

Once you have registered for the session, there will be a link sent directly to your e-mail. You will have the option to join by phone, tablet, or computer to access the webinar on the date and time of the session by clicking on the link. You may modify your video and audio options (if your device is configured with microphone, speaker and video camera) or listen in. **This is a web based webinar and will require an internet connection.**

For further information contact: CONNECT@gov.ab.ca

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On May 25th there was an announcement from the Government of Alberta indicating that the Provincial Operations Centre (POC) would no longer support the access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Assistant Deputy Minister of Community and Social Services (CCS) has confirmed that changes outlined in the email from POC do not impact service providers and that:

1. Disability Service Providers, PDD FMS agreement families, and FSCD families that directly employ disability workers continue to be prioritized for access to PPE related to the COVID-19 pandemic – including after July 1st, 2020.
2. Disability Service Providers, PDD FMS agreement families, and FSCD families that directly employ disability workers WILL NOT be required to pay for access to PPE costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including after July 1st, 2020.

This week, there was also an amendment made to CMOH order 23-2020 which amends CMOH order 10-2020 : 2020 COVID-19 response. This Order address the measures needed to ensure the safety of individuals residing in residential settings and senior homes, with specific guidelines in place to allow access to resources that promote quality of life. CMOH order 23-2020 also offer guidelines as to how residential settings can manage the assessment of symptoms, testing, cleaning, group activities, outings, and communications. This document can be downloaded from <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/cmoh-order-23-2020-2020-covid-19-response>.

In February of 2020, Elves Adult and FASD Respite Program underwent the Alberta Council of Disability Service Providers, Creating Excellence Together (CET) accreditation review. Recently, we have received the results to the intensive review. We again wish to thank the Program participants, parents, caregivers, staff and Board Members who participated in the CET interviews that were carried out over a three-day period and wish to congratulate both the Adult and Respite Program teams for work well done, which is reflected in each Program achieving 100% in all areas under review.



Elves Adult Program has been providing At Home Supports for 11 clients residing within family homes. Staff have worked within the home for a few hours with full PPE. We are working towards the necessary staff training and environmental modifications in preparation of the return of some clients to the Elves Adult and Youth Centre. When it is

safe to do so, it is estimated that programs will initially start-up with two clients per room being served on a one-to-one basis. These ratios will change in the future in accordance to the allowable conditions in response to Covid, which may enable greater levels of service delivery.

The Elves School Program continues to maintain education for the children and students through digital means. Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings have begun during this week and reports are mailed-out or physically delivered to families during material drop-off. Parents are also welcomed to participate in the digital team meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher or therapist.

Alberta Government/Federal Government Information:

- The basis of Elves' planning for the current and future mode of service delivery and supports is in correlation with the guidelines from Alberta Health Services and the Orders from the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Hinshaw. The most current updates from the Alberta Government, including weekly updates from the Dr. Hinshaw can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#statement>.
- As Alberta engages in the Relaunch Strategy, individuals are being encouraged to download the ABTraceTogether mobile app as it will help track Covid cases and notify you if you have been in the proximity of a person diagnosed with COVID-19. Those who are interested in learning more about this tool can find details at: <https://www.alberta.ca/ab-trace-together.aspx>

Contact Elves

We are here if you need support. All questions can be forwarded to the program that is serving your child.

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Adult Program at adultprogram@elves-society.com

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Warmest wishes,



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