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Dear Elves' Families, Caregivers, and Staff:

Elves School Program

There was a Town Hall to address protective measures that will be in place for the 2020/2021 School Year was held for School Program families on June 17, 2020. An email was forwarded to School Program families on June 19, 2020 with the PowerPoint slides, Questions and Answers and Self-Assessment form. If you have not received this information, please contact policy@elves-society.com and a copy will be forwarded to you. There will be a Parent Survey and Parent Package that will be emailed to families in the next few weeks. We encourage all families to take a few moments to respond as your perspective is critical in informing Elves about our strengths and also areas where further developments are needed. Your input will also assist us in determining service delivery for the upcoming year.

We recognize the pressures that families have been under during this period of time where the management of education for one or more children in addition to the possible duties of working from home scenarios. It is also recognized that access to technology has been a barrier for some families. We understand that for many, there may be financial, mental, and/or physical impacts of this pandemic.

Families have demonstrated incredible resilience and tremendous strength during this period. The Google/See Saw Meetings, Teacher/Therapist YouTube channels, and Therapy website (<https://site.google.com/ualberta.ca/elvestherapyresources/home>) were generated to offer education and therapy at a distance. A huge thank you to Ashley, Lawrence, Marcia, Lori, Gail, Joyce, Tiffany, Michelle, and Angela for enabling over 1000 deliveries of materials and equipment to homes since March 16, 2020. There will be a final delivery of material packages sent to families this week. The Elves Principal, Educational Consultants, and classroom teams were pleased to host and welcome families, friends, and Resource teams into three virtual graduations for children leaving Elves to graduate in Grade One, and two students graduating Grade 12. We would also like to thank Kathleen for the extra support that she has offered towards our Accounting Department.

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As the Elves teams are preparing to wrap up service delivery for children, youth, and families, we wish to thank all Elves families and staff for your courage and determination. We know the current situation has been unimaginable, and therefore all small and large successes need to be celebrated and drawn upon.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Child Development Centre at 780-454-5310 and your call will be directed to an available staff person. There will be some members of the Elves teams available on an intermittent basis in July and August. Thank you all again, and we wish everyone a safe summer!

Elves Adult Program

We have are concluding week Two of the At Elves services for clients. There are currently 30 clients on-site and the remainder are being served through At Home and In Home Supports.

This week, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, the Chief Medical Officer of Health held a Telephone Town Hall to discuss the next steps for Alberta's Visitor Policy in association to **CMOH 14- 2020**. Elves will provide families with the link to the presentation once they have been released.

Elves Summer Program

On Friday, June 19, 2020, Elves' Social Workers have been in contact with Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) to determine whether there will be funding in place for the 2020 Summer Program. It is determined that there will be a Summer Program for this year. However due to a limited preparation time, Elves will only be able to offer supports to a limited number of families who will have signed agreements and able to transport their child. The program will run for 10 days, with an additional two days needed for orientation and room set-up prior to child arrivals. Parent Packages and an invitation to participate in a Town Hall, as well as Q&A's will be sent to families who have been contacted by Elves' Social Worker Joanne Dam.

Elves FASD Respite Program

FASD Respite Program services have concluded for this year. Families who wish to be considered for services beginning September 2020 should contact Raelee Grier at 780-453-5310. Families may also email Raelee at respite@elves-society.com or Rosaytha (Family Support Worker) at sw3@elves-society.com.

Other Alberta Government/Federal Government Information:

- Alberta has entered into Stage 2 of the Relaunch Strategy. Please see, <https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx>, for the most up to date information related to the plan and guidelines to Albertans.
- The Government of Canada has temporarily extended the time period given to employers to recall employees laid off during the COVID-19 pandemic. For detailed information please see <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html> and <https://www.alberta.ca/temporary-layoffs.aspx>
 - For employees laid off prior to March 31, 2020, the time period is extended by six months or to December 30, 2020, whichever occurs first.
 - For employees laid off between March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2020, the time period is extended until December 30, 2020, unless a later recall date was provided in a written notice at the time of the layoff.
- 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>.
 - COVID-19 Self-Assessments are available for those persons who are asymptomatic. To schedule a time for a drive-through assessment, please complete the Self-Assessment Questions to complete to forms and schedule a time. The updated assessment site can be found at: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx> or by calling Health Link at 811.

Contact Elves

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

School Program at execassistant@elves-society.com

Adult Program at adultprogram@elves-society.com

Respite Program at respite@elves-society.com

Warmest wishes,



Barb Tymchak Olafson

Executive Director

PROGRAM DIRECTORY

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Joanne Dam , Family Support Worker (Tues-Sat)	ext. 230
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Holly Thompson , Physical Therapist (Tues).....	ext. 210
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Please ask for Patricia Moyer or Sally Habashy if you wish to speak to a therapist.....	780.454.5310
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