Caregiver Education Team Newsletter



Alberta Health Services,
in collaboration with
The Mental Health Foundation,
is proud to offer <u>FREE</u> online
programming for parents and
caregivers of children and youth.

Caregiver Education Sessions

These 90 minute online sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members with introductory information regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect children/youth. Unless specified, sessions are for an adult audience; however some sessions welcome youth to attend with their caregiver.

See <u>pages 2 and 3</u> for current topics, dates, and times.

Lunch & Learn Webinar Series

These 60 minute informational webinars are for parents/caregivers who are looking to strengthen their child's/adolescent's ability to thrive through life's challenges and discover strategies that can help build resiliency and overall family wellness.

See page 4 for current topics, dates, and times.

SEEDS Drop-In Groups

The Support, Education, and Engagement Drop-In Sessions (S.E.E.D.S) are 90 minute drop-in online interactive and educational workshops designed to help parents/caregivers learn foundational strategies that cultivate healthy relationships, strong child development, and resilient families.

See <u>page 5</u> for current dates and times.





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October 2020



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Technology and the Teenage Brain:

Digital Wellness for Families

Take a look at the teen brain and the risks and benefits of technology use. Tips on effective communication and limit setting are also shared.

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Note: Caregivers and youth (Gr. 7-12) can attend together.

Supporting Self-Regulation

in Elementary School Children

Do you wish you could help children handle strong emotions? This session will look at the development of self-regulation in children.

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Notes: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Notes: For caregivers of children grades K-6; for adults only.

Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety:

A Step By Step Approach

In this session, review helpful vs. unhelpful anxiety and discuss strategies for identifying and managing anxiety in children and youth.

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Notes: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

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Registration

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register for a session, click <u>here</u> or visit: <u>www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca</u>

Parent Feedback:

"The information provided was very good and clear to understand."

"The speakers were very knowledgeable and gave lots of information."

"The more sessions I attend, the more I will be able to guide my child."





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Parenting Teens in the 21st Century:

Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents

In this session, you will explore the challenges of being a teenager, parenting a teenager, and tips for setting healthy boundaries.

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only.

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Note: For caregivers of children grades 7-12; for adults only.

Keeping Scattered Kids on Track Supporting Children and Adolescents with ADHD

This session will discuss common signs and symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and strategies for supporting success in children and youth with ADHD.

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Notes: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Notes: For caregivers of children grades K-12; for adults only.

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Parent Feedback:

"This presentation was loaded with invaluable information and resources! Thank you for helping parents and kids!"

"Great concrete suggestions and new ideas!"

"The session provided a good overview of strategies and provided good info. Thanks for running this!"





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Mental Health & Resiliency Series:

Positive Communication that Promotes Growth

This session will look at how we can use the communication tools of praise and encouragement to support our child's healthy need for attention and foster helpful behaviours.

Date: Monday, October 5, 2020

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Note: This session is for adults only.

Calming Our Bodies and Minds

In this session, we will discuss the ways that our bodies and minds respond to stress and learn strategies for equipping our children to regain a sense of calm and control in the midst of life's stressors.

Date: Monday, October 19, 2020

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Note: This session is for adults only.

Resilient Mindsets

We will look at specific behaviours and habits that parents can encourage in the home to develop a more positive mindset in their child for reducing stress, increasing empathy, and tackling new challenges.

Date: Monday, October 26, 2020

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Note: This session is for adults only.

Registration:

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Parent Feedback:

"Enjoyed the session – the length and format was perfect!"

"Helpful tools to assist parents. Thank you!"

"I can't wait to continue joining upcoming sessions."





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Supporting Emotional Control in Children

This session is designed to help parents learn strategies for coaching their children in developing social and emotional skills. Once in place, these skills can lead to better friendships, increased school success, and higher levels of self-esteem.

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Note: This session is for adults only.

Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable. When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary. The people we trust with that important talk can help us know that we are not alone."

~ Fred Rogers

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Please note:

 These sessions are for parents / caregivers of children grades K-6.

To register for a session, click <u>here</u> or visit: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Parent Feedback

"[The presenters] created a safe space to share ideas. Very open and inclusive."

"Kuddos to everyone who is making this kind of informative and participative session."





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