

Caregiver Training Connections



Welcome to the October 2025 newsletter from the Provincial Caregiver Training Team!

This newsletter provides key updates, training stats and more for Alberta caregivers and practitioners.

Please forward as necessary to your teams and/or caregivers

New Training Calendars Available!



Caregivers, external staff, and agency workers can now explore the latest pre-service and in-service training dates for November and December by visiting the [AFKA](#) and [ALIGN](#) websites. You'll also find course descriptions for in-service training available too.

- **Nov-Dec 2025 Pre-Service Check-Ins** (foster and permanency applicant caregivers).
- **Nov-Dec 2025 In-Service Calendar** (approved kinship, foster, and permanency caregivers).
- **Caregiver Training Inventory Tool** (updated listing of caregiver training offerings).

For practitioners and internal staff, additional resources are available on the training [portal](#).

Let's Talk Training!

This is your chance to connect face-to-face with our knowledgeable team, get real-time answers, and walk away with clarity. Whether you're navigating courses or need help with [PRIDE](#) the **Provincial Caregiver Training Team (PCTT)** is here to support you every Friday from **9 - 10 a.m.** through [Zoom](#).



[Click here to join through Zoom](#)

★ Now Live!

Lifelong Connections eLearning

Build lasting relationships that support identity, stability, and belonging for children and youth in care. This eLearning explores key connection areas and introduces 10 practical strategies through the lens of Child Intervention Practice Principles.



[Click here to register on PRIDE](#)

Helpful Tips: Medication Administration Knowledge Test

To support your success in the **Medication Administration Course**, here are some helpful tips:

💡 Watch for the light bulb icons!

These highlight key content covered in the test. Take notes as you go through the course.

📖 Open-book format:

During the test, you can navigate back and forth between the test and course content.

🔄 Retake policy:

If you don't pass, you'll need to retake the course before attempting the test again.

🎯 Passing grade:

You have up to two additional attempts to achieve the required 90%. If you experience difficulty, your caregiver practitioner and the PCTT trainers are available for extra support.

In-Person Training Opportunities:

Edmonton In-Person

How to Observe, Record and Report **Tuesday, October 14th from 12 - 3 p.m.**

As caregivers, your timely, objective, and detailed observations of children and youth must be accurately recorded and shared with the child or youth's CI Practitioner.



Nurturing Child and Youth Connections

Tuesday, Nov 18th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

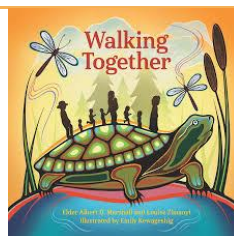
Help children and youth maintain meaningful connections. Explore why they matter, your role in supporting them, and strategies to help build lasting relationships.



Walking Together

Monday, Dec 1st from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Experience various Indigenous cultural practices and explore Indigenous worldviews, co-facilitated with an Elder or Indigenous Knowledge Keeper.



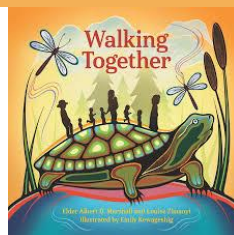
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Calgary In-Person

Walking Together

Tuesday, Oct 21st from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Experience various Indigenous cultural practices and explore Indigenous worldviews, co-facilitated with an Elder or Indigenous Knowledge Keeper.



Understanding Sexual Abuse and Managing Disclosures

Thursday, Nov 13th from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Provides information on the impact of sexual abuse, how to respond to disclosures, and the caregiver's role in supporting healing while protecting evidence and investigation.

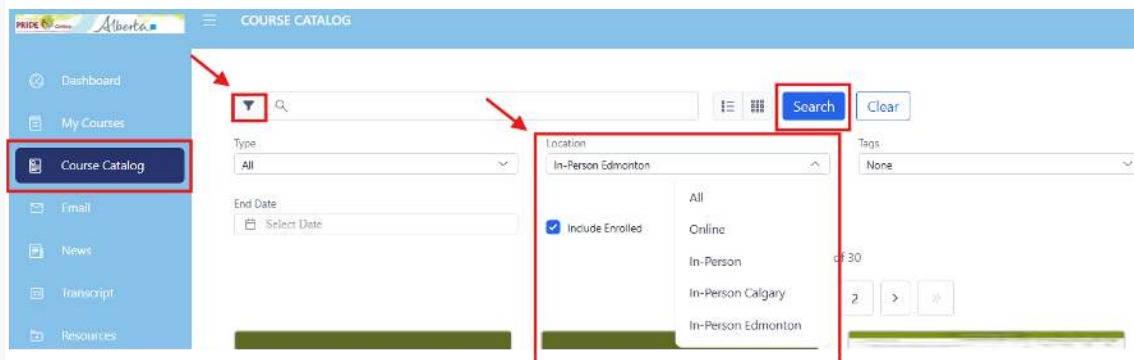


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How to Filter by Location in the Course Catalog

Looking for training options near you or online? Filter courses in the [PRIDE](#) Course Catalog:

1. Select **“Course Catalog”** from the main menu.
2. Click the **filter icon**, located to the left of the search bar.
3. Select the **drop-down arrow** for **Location** and choose your preferred option (All, Online, In-Person, In-Person Calgary, In-Person Edmonton).
4. Click the **Search** button to view the available courses based on your selection.



Unenroll Button is in a New Location!

If you need to unenroll from a course, here's how to find the updated button:

1. Go to **My Courses**.
2. Scroll down the page.
3. Look for the **Unenroll** button in the **bottom right corner**, below the **Session Details** section.

Play: The Building Blocks of Development and Connection



Due Date

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Play: The Building Blocks of Development and Connection (3 credit hours)

Play is an important part of a child's development. Play develops lifelong tools by building the brain and relationship connections. This half-day workshop provides an overview about what makes an activity "play" and will help you. Support a variety of play activities; introduce you to the benefits of play to building the brain and connections so you can help meet needs of the children in your home; and build practical ways to create fun activities for the whole family!

Status

Completed

ITEMS

STATUS

202

Completed

Play Building Blocks Survey

Completed

Notes

Only register for one date of training per module

RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION

Play PM 20-2022.pdf

PM Play The Building Block of Development and Connection

Enroll Date

2024-10-16

Type

Instructor-led

End Date

2024-10-22

Credit Hours

3 hours

Last Updated

2025-02-26

Session Details

Name

Web-based Only

Location

Online

Start Date

2024-10-16

End Date

2024-10-22

Start Time

6:00PM

End Time

9:00PM

Day(s)

Wed

Space

4 of 50

Session Notes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - 6:00pm-9:00pm. You will receive a confirmation email from CFS.CaregiverTraining@gov.ab.ca with the zoom link a few days prior to the class starting. The manual will be attached to the email with the zoom link, and you can access it online anytime.

Unenroll

Training at a Glance

Below are caregiver training completions for the period of **August 1 to September 30, 2025**. See the breakdown by training curriculum and caregiver type.

Curriculum	Training Completions		
	Total	Foster Care*	Kinship
Pre-Service	99	99	N/A
Foundations of Caregiver Support	52	24	28
In-Service**	237	226	11
Kinship Orientation Training	59	4	55
Lifelong Connections (NEW!)	3	3	0
Medication Administration	46	45	1
Safe Babies	67	48	19
Weathering the Storm	78	74	4
Facilitated Courses	375	364	11

*Includes Therapeutic and Permanency.

**PRIDE In-Service e-learning modules includes completion in any of the 7 available modules and can be broken down further into stats for each module specifically.

Notes:

- Some completions may contain enrollments prior to August 1st.
- Facilitated Courses – Numbers are pulled based on sessions scheduled between August 1 – September 30, 2025. Completion disparity may result from nonattendance without unenrollment or survey incompleteness.



Do you have a newsletter suggestion?

If so, send your suggestion [here](#) – it may be included in future editions of the newsletter! We look forward to hearing from you!