

Caregiver Training Connections



Welcome to the February 2026 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.



Register now for March and April training!

Caregivers and agency workers can explore the pre-service and in-service dates for **March and April** by visiting the [AFKA](#) and [ALIGN](#) websites. Along with course descriptions and participant materials, the following resources are available:

- **Mar-Apr 2026 pre-service check-ins** (foster and permanency applicant caregivers).
- **Mar-Apr 2026 in-service calendar** (approved kinship, foster, and permanency caregivers).
- **Caregiver training inventory tool** (updated listing of caregiver training offerings).

CFS and DFNA staff can access these resources on the [Caregiver Training SharePoint](#).

Let's talk training!

From understanding training requirements to navigating PRIDE, our Friday **Q&A** sessions offer a space for caregivers and practitioners to connect with the **Provincial Caregiver Training Team** for quick, helpful answers.

Join us every **Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.** on [Zoom](#) and get the support you need!



Building your digital skills



The [Alberta Digital Literacy Program](#) is a free, self-guided online resource that can help caregivers build confidence with everyday digital skills.

The program includes **beginner** and **intermediate** courses and are made up of short modules that can be completed at your own pace (10 to 30 minutes each). Take both courses or choose only the modules most relevant your needs. Get started by visiting the **Alberta Digital Literacy Program** website [here](#).

First Aid training

Did you know? First Aid training is offered and coordinated regionally to ensure access to services needed for this training is near your community. For registration, scheduling, or questions, contact your regional caregiver training unit.



Regional training units

Calgary Region:

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Central Region:

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Edmonton Region:

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North Region:

CFS.NorthRegionCaregiver@gov.ab.ca

South Region: CFS.SouthCaregiverTraining@gov.ab.ca

In-service participant materials



Participant materials for in-service training are now available online to support learning before, during, and after your training session.

These materials reinforce key concepts and provide practical tools. Caregivers can revisit participant materials to support ongoing practice and reflection.

👉 View available materials on [ALIGN](#).

📌 **Stay tuned!** Coming soon to [AFKA](#).

📅 Register for in-person training today!

The following courses are open to kinship, foster and permanency caregivers:

Red Deer

Your Role on the Child's Case Team

Friday, February 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This course is designed to equip caregivers with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively collaborate and ensure the safety, well-being, and connection of children and youth in their care. [Register on PRIDE](#)

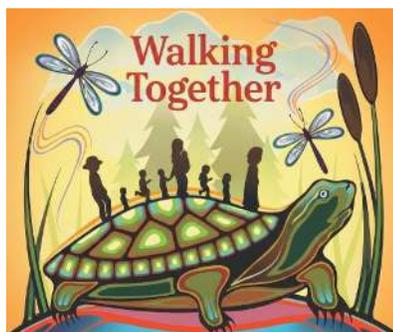


Edmonton

Walking Together

Monday, March 9 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. [Register on PRIDE](#)



Understanding Care Concerns and Allegations Monday, April 20 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

In this training, caregivers develop the knowledge and skills needed to adhere to caregiver expectations and to navigate the process if a care concern is brought forward regarding a child or youth in their care. [Register on PRIDE](#)



Calgary

Your Role on the Child's Case Team Wednesday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This course is designed to equip caregivers with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively collaborate and ensure the safety, well-being, and connection of children and youth in their care. [Register on PRIDE](#)



Training at a glance

Below are provincial caregiver training completions for **January 1 to January 31, 2026**. See the breakdown by training curriculum and caregiver type.

Curriculum	Training Completions		
	Total	Foster Care*	Kinship
Pre-Service	58	58	N/A
Foundations of Caregiver Support	43	30	13
In-Service**	153	148	5
Kinship Orientation Training	22	0	22
Lifelong Connections (NEW!)	40	40	0
Med Admin	33	33	0
Safe Babies	40	31	9
Weathering the Storm	35	34	1
Facilitated Courses	181	179	2

*Includes therapeutic and permanency.

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

Notes:

- Some completions may contain enrollments prior to January 1, 2026.
- Facilitated courses – numbers are pulled based on sessions scheduled within date range.
- 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!