



# CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION CENTRE

## PROGRAM MANDATE AND GOVERNANCE

The Child Care and Education Center provides therapeutic care and specialized education programming to children placed by their respective Child and Family Service Agencies and the Ministry of Social Services. The Child Care and Education Center is under the governance of the Prince Albert Grand Council.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The Child Care Program assumes responsibility for the care and supervision of the thirty children placed at CCEC. Childcare staff perform daily childcare functions that include basic parenting duties along with establishing structure and routines in a safe and nurturing environment. There are currently three cottages in operation with a staff of thirty Child Care Workers, three Cottage Case Managers, four Shift Supervisors, and three Housemothers.

The Counselling Program provides service to all children and youth in care at CCEC. Services include individual counselling, group counselling, family support, and consultative support to both education and cottage environments. Present staff includes two Counsellors.

Angus Mirasty School offers special education programming to the thirty children and youth placed at CCEC. Individualized Education Plans are developed for each student in order to accommodate individual learning needs after a range of educational and behavioral assessments are completed. Social skills and life skills development are important aspects of educational programming along with academic achievement. The school staff consists of three teachers and six teacher associates.

## ADMISSIONS / ACCOMMODATION

The CCEC has capacity for thirty placements. A waiting list has been established to accommodate additional referrals when at full capacity.

Cottages 6, 7, and 8 continue to be used for Child Care purposes. Cottage 3 is used for the Family Visitation aspect of the CCEC program. The CCEC Administrative staff offices are located in Cottage 5. Educational programming continues at Angus Mirasty School.

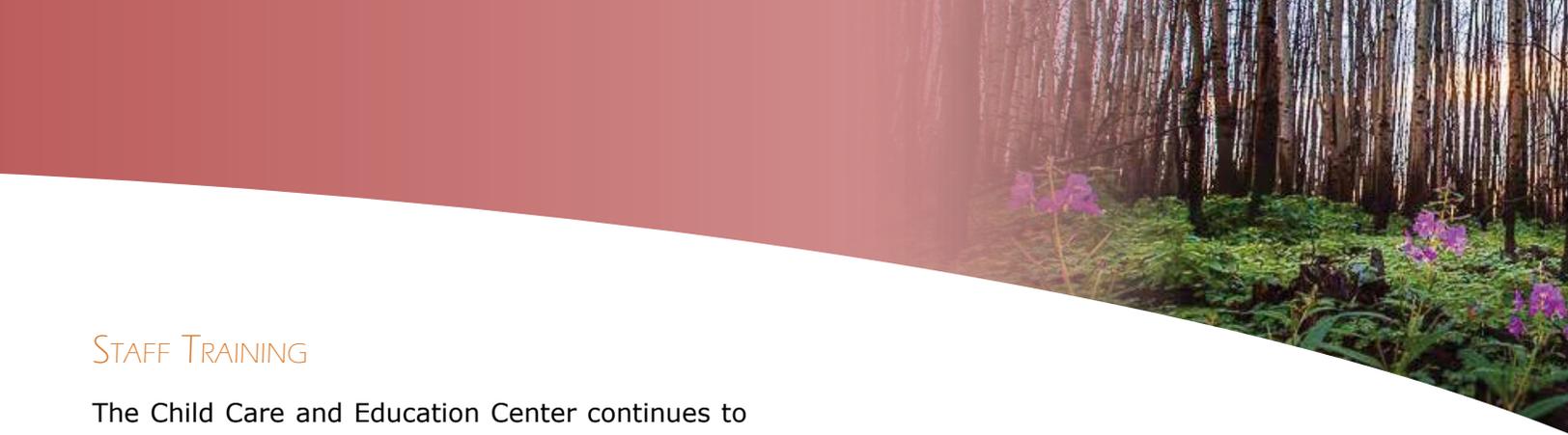
Admission referrals are made by ICFS or Ministry of Social Services Workers for children who are in care and are identified as requiring the programming offered at CCEC. Considerations for acceptance include the reason for referral and appropriateness for the CCEC program and the age group for which CCEC has current openings.

## FAMILY VISITATION

The CCEC recognizes the importance of family involvement in programming for the children at CCEC. Regular family involvement through visitation and family therapy is an important factor in determining success of treatment at CCEC after discharge from the program. The Family Visitation cottage is booked on a regular basis with most families visiting on weekends. Extended visits are booked for families whose children are near discharge for transitional planning purposes.

## CASE REVIEW REPORTS

The CCEC reports on the children's progress four times per year. The final reports for the year are held in the communities in May and June. Families are invited to attend along with CFS representatives.



## STAFF TRAINING

The Child Care and Education Center continues to provide training to staff on a regular basis. Staff are trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention, CPR First Aid, Suicide Intervention, and Life Space Crisis Intervention. Additional specialized training, relative to various aspects of treatment is provided as well.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING

Special Education training is offered as it becomes available through PAGC Education or other educational departments. This year all of the Angus Mirasty School staff will receive training in Crisis Prevention Intervention and CPR / First Aid. They also attended a conference in Edmonton, Alberta that offered a range of workshops relative to special education.

## PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

The Child Care and Education Center continues to provide for practicum placements in various aspects of the program. In the past, students from the Bachelor of Indian Social Work Program from the First Nations University of Canada have completed training at CCEC.

## FUTURE PLANS

### LONG TERM PROGRAMMING

CCEC provides programming for many special needs children with conditions such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, chronic health conditions, developmental delays, and psychological and psychiatric disorders. Some of these children will require specialized care and intervention for the rest of their lives. Establishment of a long-term care component to the CCEC program continues to be a goal.

## ACCREDITATION

The CCEC program continues to prepare for accreditation through a recognized accrediting organization (CARF Canada). Accreditation assures payers and regulators that internationally recognized standards have been met in the provision of services for children and youth. The Co-Directors and Cottage Managers received training in order to learn about the requirements and process of accreditation.

The Child Care and Education Centre program was reviewed by a team of experts from the Ministry of Social Services. All requirements suggested have been met.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

### FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The children from CCEC participated in the Fine Arts Festival held in Prince Albert in April. Angus Mirasty School won over one hundred seventy awards, highlighting the many special talents the children and youth have in the arts. Many of the children won several individual awards, making the CCEC, Agencies, and families very proud.

### CCEC YEAR END TRIP

The Year End trip took place on the week of June 29 - July 3, 2015. The children and staff went to various locations in Alberta, including Edmonton, Calgary, Banff and Jasper.