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RESICARE NEWS



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter!

We hope everyone is having a great summer so far!

Have a look and see what we have coming up.

If you have anything you want to share in our newsletter, please let me know!

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Client Birthdays with Resicare!

- July 8 - Margaret Pendleton
July 8 - Derryl Caldwell
July 13 - Arron Butler
July 24 - Chelsey Adams

Aug 14 - Alex Oppenheimer
Aug 16 - Shaheen Kara
Aug 19 - Mark Evans
Aug 26 - Corbin Campbell



Save the date!

Resicare will be hosting a BBQ at House 3 on Sept. 28th.

Details to follow.

Update
August 7, 2024



The Government of Alberta announced an indefinite hold on the [Canada-Alberta Job Grant program](#).

We know this will be distressing news to many of you who rely heavily on this funding to ensure essential training for your staff. We have addressed our concerns about the impact of this decision on the Community Disability Services sector in an initial response on social media this afternoon, and we will follow up with letters to relevant Government of Alberta ministers in the coming days, in addition to other advocacy efforts. We want to assure you that we will advocate strongly for access to funding to support staff training.

To assist us as we move forward with our advocacy, we request you share any information you can about how you currently use the Canada-Alberta Job Grant program, how many staff members benefit, in addition to other information you feel relevant. Please email acds@acds.ca with this information.

We will keep you informed of our advocacy efforts, and any further news.

Resident and Family Council Act

Resicare Society of Calgary, in compliance with the Resident and Family Council Act, invites all residents and their families to form a council should they so desire. This council is welcome to meet on a regular basis to discuss concerns, suggestions, or ideas for the homes. Resicare supports all opportunities for individuals and their families to voice concerns and create a better way to solve problems and come up with ideas for improvement.



We would like to welcome 5 new employees to Resicare!

Rebecca S
Mariam L
Sheila A
Areeba M
Violeta B

Seniors Services Home Maintenance

The Seniors Services Home Maintenance (SSHM) program provides home maintenance support to seniors (65 years and older) living on lower fixed incomes in Calgary who are eligible for the provincial Special Needs Assistance for Seniors benefit program. Approved community partners deliver the services of light housekeeping, snow removal and grass cutting.

What are eligible home maintenance services?

The Provincial Special Needs Assistance (SNA) for seniors benefit program has defined three main areas for home maintenance as allowable services paid out by the SNA benefit. If eligible, these defined service provisions are:

- ♦ Light housekeeping, dusting of surfaces, vacuuming/mopping of floor surfaces, cleaning of kitchen and washrooms (does not include laundry).
- ♦ Grass cutting: front and back lawn, medians associated with property
- ♦ Snow removal: the primary entryway, driveways, wheelchair ramps and public sidewalks bordering the property.

Housekeeping and grass cutting service frequency is set on a schedule with each individual who participates in the program. Snow Service will be delivered within 24hrs after a snowfall event of one inch (2 cm).

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, seniors must be 65 years of age or older and unable to do basic housekeeping, snow removal or grass cutting.

Generally, there is a waiting period for all services, which may vary according to service type and client location. Our aim is to minimize the waiting period as much as possible.

How to access home maintenance services

Seniors must apply for **Seniors Service Home Maintenance through the Fair Entry Program** and must be eligible for the Special Needs Assistance (SNA) for Seniors secondary benefit coverage. The SSHM program will confirm your eligibility for SNA and let you know how to find out more about the program or appeal your status.

Learn more about Fair Entry

Cost

There is no direct charge to clients receiving the services of light housekeeping, grass cutting and snow removal services. Service costs are recovered on behalf of clients eligible for the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors benefit program and is processed via direct billing to the Government of Alberta on the client’s behalf.

Training



- Medication Administration** - The employees who have not started the Med Admin, please do so as soon as possible as vouchers do expire and you will need to be re-registered.
- Citation Training** - Please activate and complete trainings.
- Emergency First Aid/CPR** - Nadia will register employees for recertification through Titan Heath.
- Alberta Food Safety Basics** - Instructions will be emailed to the employees who require this training.



Our 54th Annual AGM will be held on Tues. Sept. 24, 2024 at the Bowness Seniors' Centre.

Further details to follow.



Alberta Council of Disability Services

Reduced-Cost Programs for ACDS Members

ACDS has partnered with the following select organizations to offer our member organizations and your staff relevant programs at significantly reduced rates.

ACDS member **organizations and staff** benefit from exclusive savings on car and home insurance with Belair Direct, formerly known as Johnson Insurance. With Belairdirect, members and staff can enjoy enhanced home coverage, optional car insurance add-ons with the Affinity Plus endorsement, and user-friendly digital tools for hassle-free insurance management.

To secure your benefits and discounts, use the group ID code "**ACODS**" when requesting a quote at belairdirect.com/savings or by calling 1-833-887-4626.

First Aid Training



St. John Ambulance

Through our partnership with [St. John Ambulance](https://www.stjohnambulance.ca), ACDS members have access to quality and affordable first-aid training as we aim to strengthen our provincial health and safety initiatives and ensure the CDS sector organizations and staff receive robust and up-to-date first-aid and CPR training.

A visit from Melissa and Owen



Update Contact Information

A friendly reminder to please inform Resicare about any changes to your contact information.

Telephone numbers, email address and mailing address. You can send your changes to Nadia Kunz at nkunz@resicare.org

Thank you!

Resicare's Insurance

Resicare's Insurance covers all House contents owned by Resicare.

Clients room contents are the responsibility of their Families / Guardians.

This insurance can be purchased as an add on to your home insurance plan.

Health and Safety Act

The Alberta *Occupational Health and Safety* (OHS) Act establishes minimum standards for healthy and safe practices in Alberta workplaces. Changes to the OHS Act improve the OHS system to better protect workers and ensure they have the same rights and protections as other Canadian workers. These rights include:

Right to Know – This right guarantees that employees can ask questions about health and safety at work and be informed about hazards – and protections from hazards – that concern them.

Right to Participate – To participate in workplace health and safety allows employees to get involved in maintaining and improving health and safety in their own workplace.

Right to Refuse – To refuse unsafe work ensures that employees are protected from punishment or threat of punishment if they refuse to do work because of a sincere belief that work threatens their own or anyone else's health or safety.

The *Right to Participate* ensures all workers have a voice by expressing their concerns with a **Joint Work Site Health and Safety Representative**. At Resicare Society of Calgary each Group Living Home has a Health and Safety Representative working in conjunction with the management team.

Your Joint Worksite

Health and Safety Representatives are:

- Sheetal Guleria – House #1
- Paulina Ferdyn – House #2
- Mary Rawson – House #3

Additional Unbiased / Neutral Representatives are:

- Debbie Harper - Group Living Coordinator
- Jagdeep Dhindsa - Outreach Coordinator
- Annamaria Jozsa - Outreach Coordinator

This list can be found posted at all Resicare Society Worksites' Bulletin Boards

More information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/occupational-health-safety.aspx> or by calling the **OHS Contact Centre** toll free throughout Alberta **1-866-415-8690**

Resicare is a registered charity and can issue tax receipts for any donations made to the society. Any support that you are able to give is always greatly appreciated!

Current Positions Available

Please contact Nadia Kunz in HR to check current positions available within Resicare.

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