

Local News

AKWESASNE CHILD CARE PRIVATE HOME DAY CARE PROGRAM "CARING FOR OUR YOUNG"

The Akwesasne Child Care - Private Home Day Care Program is putting on a 6-Week Workshop called "Caring for our Young" starting on Wednesday, April 17, 1996, and commencing on May 22, 1996. Each week to specialize in a certain area of childcare for children age 6 weeks to 12 years old. This is designed to help parents, providers or anyone interested in providing the best care for our young.

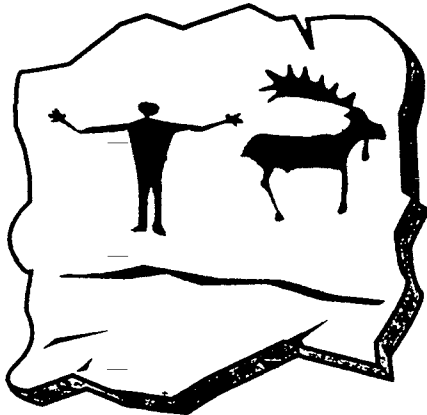
The Workshops will be held in the meeting room in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility starting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday nights for 6 consecutive weeks. Refreshments will be served.

Schedule for Workshops:

April 17, 1996
Nutrition Workshop, 6-8 pm
April 24, 1996
Parenting Workshop, 6-8 pm
May 1, 1996
Behavior Mgmt. Workshop, 6-8

pm
May 8, 1996
Child Develop. Workshop, 6-8 pm
May 15, 1996
Curriculum Workshop, 6-8 pm
May 22, 1996
Business Workshop, 6-9 pm

For people attending these workshops, please call (613) 575-1161, so we know how many extra people to expect. Thank you for your consideration, contact person is Josie Herne, Private Home Day Care Supervisor, ext. #174.



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Akwesasne Area Management Board

The Akwesasne Area Management Board has undergone a number of changes we wish to inform you about. The changes are directly associated with both the Federal and Provincial governments agenda to reduce or redirect government funding related to training or job creation.

For instance the Jobs Ontario Training program was phased out in 1996 on orders from the Provincial government. The new government of Ontario has determined that a new system of job creation will take the place of the Jobs Ontario Training program. Currently, the government of Ontario is exploring different ways to redirect training funds to the provincial welfare system in an attempt to reduce the number of welfare participants.

On the Federal level, the Akwesasne Area Management Board which services community development, summer programs, individual and group training programs as well as unemployment insurance needs will stay intact under a new agreement with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

However, the regional Manpower budgets and infrastructures related to First Nations in Canada are currently being re-organized. This will have a financial affect on Akwesasne in ways unknown at this time. Because of this situation, the government is delaying part of our budget allocation until a new budget allocation formula for all Aboriginal peoples can be agreed upon.

For Akwesasne members this means that some funding will arrive later than anticipated. We must emphasize that this delay is an administrative problem at the regional level and although some program funding may be delayed, the process will continue, This delay should not prevent you from applying for funding this fiscal year.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide you with periodic updates

Should you require further information please don't hesitate to call our office (613) 575-2626

