

October 2026



Communication is key for sharing information, building trust and preventing confusion. When children / youth are visiting relief homes, this is especially important. It is extremely valuable for Foster Parents to connect with the Relief Homes prior to EVERY relief visit and below are a few reasons why:

- If the child has never been to this relief home before, it is important for the Foster Parent to provide the Relief Foster Parent with information about the child (i.e. medication, access visits if applicable, their routines such as eating, sleeping, etc., food allergies, likes and dislikes and possible behaviours and how to deal with those behaviours.
- Foster home should be confirming the relief a few days prior to the relief date to ensure that the relief home is still expecting your child/youth. You don't want any surprises the day of relief and that likely won't provide enough time to rearrange the relief.
- Even if the child has been to the home several times, it is important to touch base with the Relief Foster Parent as there may be some important changes that are worthy of noting (i.e. change in medication, access visits if applicable, something that has happened recently that may come up or cause stress to the child / youth that the Relief Foster Parent should have the heads up about).
- Drives ~ whether for an access visit or if there is a drive set up because the relief home is out of area, if you do not hear from the driver the night before...please contact Karen DeSario by text to inform her. Karen can be reached @ 416.689.9282. If she doesn't respond (perhaps because she's off), please call the office or on call if it is after hours.
- Relief homes can call the Foster Parent if they haven't heard from them or inform Zulema so that she can connect with them.
- Relief Parents ~ please update Case Manage ASAP after relief periods by adding "Relief Parent Notes". You can also access the digital life book as well to add pictures if you have any pictures from your weekend that you would like to share.

We want relief visits to be successful for everyone so please take a few minutes to communicate with each other. An appropriate month for us to once again thank everyone for all that you do!



Kim's Korner...

Both Ministry Audits (regular Ministry and COTA) will be happening very soon; likely in October and November. Please upload any medical forms and report cards that you have not already uploaded to Case Manage. If you know that your child / youth is due for an appointment, please schedule the appointment immediately and send me the date so that we at least have that on file. For the regular Ministry audit, if your home is chosen, you will be notified by your Case Manager. All files are looked at for the COTA audit. Thank you for your attention to this matter as being pro-active makes for a more successful audit!

DATES TO REMEMBER

RESOURCE MEETING

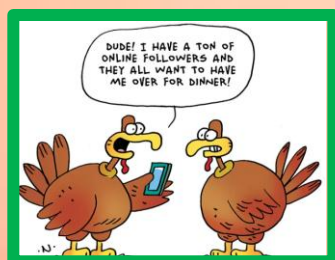
Tuesday October 13
10am @ Carpe Diem Office

PLAN OF CARE TRAINING

Monday October 19
6:00 – 7:30

Email:

amber.poenn@carpediem.ca



ON - CALL

In the event that the pager is not working properly, please refer to the schedule below for the on-call list and dial the on-call worker directly. Thank you!

Sept 28 – Oct 4	Nicole Peck	416-779-3856
Oct 5 – 12	Lutoya Jones	416-919-1581
Oct 13 – 18	Janai Thompson	437-453-2584
Oct 19 – 25	Lutoya Jones	416-919-1581
Oct 26 – Nov 1	Leon Lamont	289-834-8107

