



## News

### [Community Spirit Award](#)

City Councillor Bev Esslinger was presented with Aleda Patterson Community Spirit award on November 18, 2019 for her community involvement and advocacy of early learning programs. The award is given annually in honour of the ABC Head Start Society's founder Aleda Patterson, a committed contributor in the Edmonton area and a visionary & advocate who believes in empowering others to reach their full potential. The board recognized Esslinger's ongoing commitment to children in the capital region and specifically cited her role in the Child Friendly Edmonton initiative and Safe City YEG...

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### [Winter Break - 123 Grow Child Development Center](#)

123 Grow Child Development Center will be closed from December 25 2019 - January 1, 2020 inclusive

[Read more about Winter Break - 123 Grow Child Development Center](#)  
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### [Our New Central Office has OPENED!!](#)

The Jerry Forbes Centre for Community Spirit is now open in Edmonton!!

SEE MORE ABOUT THE CENTRE HERE...  
<https://jerryforbescentre.ca/>

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### [Our Child Care Facility has Opened in Fort Saskatchewan...](#)

We are absolutely THRILLED to announce the location of our 123 Grow Child Development Centre (\$25/day child care) at 9900-93 Street, Fort Saskatchewan.

For more information and how to apply [click here!](#)

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## **[Buckling Up On The Bus](#)**

Attention ABC Head Start Parents!

We are always looking for ways to improve & make our program the best and safest it can be for you and your children. So you may have noticed a new addition to your child's school bus - seat belts! This is called integrated seating. Your role as a parent is to make sure your child is safely buckled in and to unbuckle them when they arrive home. Please watch this video to gain some helpful tips and understanding of the seat belt system. If you have any questions please contact your site Social Worker for more information.

Video of SafeGuard ICS -- Securing...

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## **[Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Centre Announcement, April 6, 2017](#)**

**ABC Head Start** is proud to announce that we have been selected as one of 22 Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Centres across Alberta. We are excited to build on our 32 year history of providing pre-Kindergarten and family support services to children and families in Edmonton by expanding our early childhood services to include high quality and affordable child care.

Please click on the link for more information: [News Release - ELCC.pdf](#)

[Read more about Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Centre Announcement, April 6, 2017](#)  
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## **[Spring Weather](#)**

Please check the weather forecasts daily. We want to be sure that the children are dressed for the weather during the spring season. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page as we post regular updates about the activities in our Sites, and the weather and road conditions which do impact bussing.

[Read more about Spring Weather](#)  
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## **[Helpful Tips for Registration](#)**

**Attention PARENTS** who are registering for Head Start...here are two helpful tips to help your registration get processed quickly.

1. Make sure the supporting documentation you need to submit (eg. birth certificates) is clear enough for us to read it. Colour copies are best because they tend to come out clearest!
2. If you are submitting your leisure access pass as proof of income, it is the receipt that states leisure access pass we will need to see not that pass itself.

Thank you for working so hard to make sure we have the correct documentation. Let us know if you have questions or need...

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## **[Aleda Patterson Community Spirit Award](#)**

### **Aleda Patterson Community Spirit Award**

Aleda Patterson is the founder of ABC Head Start and a committed contributor in the Edmonton area; she is a visionary and an advocate who believes

in empowering others to reach their full potential.

We will be seeking nominations this fall of ABC Head Start staff, and agency friends and supporters as deserving recipients of this award. The complete award criteria and nominating requirements will be available this fall. As this is a community spirit award, please feel free to forward this award package to any and all of your contacts so that they might...

[Read more about Aleda Patterson Community Spirit Award](#)

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