



# Jasper Place

Child & Family Resource Centre  
West Edmonton Parent Link

## Annual Report 2018-2019



Early Learning and  
Child Care Centre



Jasper Place Child and Family Resource Society was established in 1972. Our goal is to provide family related programs and services that strengthen the families and community we serve.

### Centre's Vision

We are a leader in early learning and care. We create stronger, healthier families and communities.

### Centre's Mission

To partner with parents in promoting children's healthy growth and development by providing high quality early learning and care, and coordinated family programs and services.



### Parents, Board Members, Staff and Partners,

During our staff in-service in May, we worked through a collaborative process defining the Centres core values. The values that were collectively generated are;

### Community \* Inclusion \* Learning \* Relationship

I have these words in mind, thinking about our work with children, families, community and within our teams as I write this Annual Report.

**COMMUNITY** – We value places of vitality, strong, active communities that welcome and invite participation of children and adults, within the Centre and all of its programs and with our greater community.

**INCLUSION**—We value processes and spaces for everyone to authentically share their perspectives and ideas, a culture that strives for equity and embraces, respects and values differences.

**LEARNING** - We value life-long learning, and a belief that knowledge is co-constructed within a practice of relationships with one another, with materials, with our environment, through play and continuous curiosity.

**RELATIONSHIP** -We value the belief that children's well-being is profoundly influenced by the quality of the relationships that they experience and that these relationships are influenced by the responsive, respectful, reciprocal relationships we have with one another, with materials and with the environment.

## We are a Provincially designated Early Learning and Child Care Centre

### **Achievements as a result of our ELCC Provincial Grant (\$25 a day daycare initiative)**

The Centre is thankful to have been designated one of the Provinces 122 Early Learning and Child Care Centres, 1 of 35 in the city of Edmonton. We have made a number of positive achievements as a result of this grant funding.

**Reduction of parent fees** –Our fees are set at \$546 per month. Without this grant current monthly fees would be;

Rowan Room \$1170, Pine Room \$1045, Maple and Oak Rooms \$970, Cypress Room \$895

**Increase in child care spaces**– We opened a new playroom in September 2018 and increased our licensed capacity from 56 to 76.

**Creation of a Family Support Liaison position**- This position has supported the refinement of our family intake process, inviting parents as partners from the beginning of our relationship together. Our Family Support Liaison is reaching out to the Immigrant Women's Integration Network Group as well as the Health for Two Network to share valuable information about quality early learning and childcare.

**Increase in wage floors for Educators** – Educators have an increase in their base salaries, this supports professionalization of the field and creates a greater attraction and retention of well-prepared Early Childhood Educators.

**We are working with a Pedagogical Partner**- Carloyn Bjartveit is a professor at Mount Royal University in Calgary. She visits the Centre monthly and has been mentoring us in the areas of professional development, evaluation of our mentorship program and the implementation of the FLIGHT Framework.

**Opportunity to complete a Curriculum course** – 4 of our Educators completed an online university course specific to implementing our Provinces curriculum FLIGHT.

**Regional Learning Communities** – The Centre is connected with other ELCC designated Centres in our community. We meet to discuss implementation on the FLIGHT Framework through Pedagogical Leadership Strategies.

**Evaluation of our programs** -We have developed a draft evaluation framework for all our Early Learning Program which includes outcomes for children, families and the community.

**The Access Supports and Participation Project** – Our ECE's have training in the ASaP model and are implementing work that ensures the inclusion of all children through social and emotional strategies.

<https://www.gritprogram.ca/ASaP/>

### **An educated workforce**

98% of our Early Learning Educators have a minimum of 2 years education in Early Learning and Care and hold the highest level of child care certification.





### **The work of our Parent Early Learning Advisory Committee**

The focus of our Parent Early Learning Advisory Committee this past year has been on refining the methods we employ to communicate children's daily learning and in better articulating our philosophies of learning through play with parents.

Plans for next year are to restructure these gatherings to include hands on opportunities for parents to experience how the children learn through play and to rename this group to Parent Educator Collaboration

**Thank you to the members of this committee!**



### **Ongoing staff Professional Development**

Our three staff in-service days continue to be invaluable to our work with children and families. This past year topics of learning included; advocating for quality early learning and care, 5 behaviours of a cohesive team, collaborative teaming, early brain development & toxic stress and supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

Each Early Childhood Educator, Parent Link Program Facilitator and Family Support Worker has a professional development goal that they intentionally work towards with the support of their pedagogical mentor.

Three teams of Early Childhood Educators presented their research and learning at professional conferences on the topics of; working with parents, creating pedagogical documentation and toddlers and democratic practices.

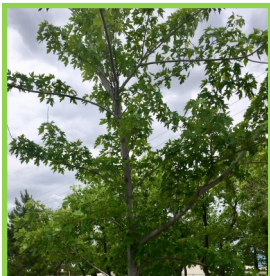




Rowan Room



Pine Room



Maple Room



Oak Room



Cypress Room

### Re-naming our playrooms

It was with an image of children as citizens that we began to investigate changing our playroom names. We wanted to find names that the children connect with in their daily lives and names that represent what is important to us as a Centre. We arrived at trees that are in our local environment. Educators researched with the children to find a tree that they felt represented each playroom. You can read a full documentation of this process in our lobby.

### Updating our menu

We are revising our menu to better meet the new Canada Food Guidelines, this includes; no more juice, more plant based protein, less refined sugar and more foods that reflect the growing diversity of our community.

### Celebrating with families

The Centre brought children and families together in celebration through our Welcome Families – Harvest Celebration in the fall, our Family Celebration in the



winter, and our Annual General Meeting and Family Picnic in the spring.

**73 Volunteers**  
contributed over  
**1300 hours**



## Highlights from our 2019 early learning and childcare survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey, this information is valuable, it informs us about where our strengths are and where we need to continue to work. If you haven't yet provided your input we invite you to do so as the survey link is still open.

**100 %** of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they felt **welcome** in the Centre and **treated with respect**.

**97%** agreed or strongly agreed that the Centre provides a **caring Environment**.

**97%** agreed or strongly that they are satisfied with the quality of care their children are receiving.

**94%** agreed or strongly agreed that their **input is valued** by the Centre.

### Some areas we will continue to work on

**74%** agreed or strongly agreed that they are informed about the activities and **experiences planned to support their child's Learning**.

**82%** agreed or strongly agreed that they are **informed about how their child is learning and developing**.

**68%** agreed or strongly agreed that educators share ideas about ways they can **support their child's development at home**.

### Plans for the coming year

Connections Newsletter- We will begin publishing a monthly newsletter for families that provides descriptions and examples of the dispositions to learn and the holistic learning goals we use to describe the children's learning through play.

Professional Development— Our focus for the coming year will be on materials that support children's learning as well as how these materials support environmental sustainability. We will also focus on understanding the history and trauma of our countries Indigenous people and ways we can begin to bring Indigenous culture and tradition into our programs and services.



### Recognition of Long Term Staff

Andrea Hansen 5 years  
Stephanie Basker 7 Years  
Jasmine Werrun 7 Years  
Katie Sharp 8 Years  
Lynn Shydrowski 8 Years  
Susan Watmough 8 Years  
Katie Bridger 9 Years  
Carlin Johnson 10 Years  
Gale O'Hara 10 Years  
Aida Gayayan 11 Years  
Paulina Reye 15 Years  
Wendy Countaway 16 years  
Pam Gudmundson 22 Years  
Sherie Balaban 23 Years  
Adine Shuchuk 27 Years





## Supporting children and families in our community

### Partnerships

We are linked with over **30 agencies** and affiliations to bring services and supports to families, we continue to build strong relationships with our community partners. These partnerships enable us to offer diverse programs and services such as; Catholic Social Services - **Parenting in Two Cultures**, CASA – **Circle of Security**, Alberta Health Services - **Goodbye Mealtime Struggles** and **Encouraging Clear Speech**.

### Continued program growth

Our **support of fathers** and fatherhood continues to grow. The **Kids and Dads Growing Together** Saturday program is busy, plans are to begin a Dads program in the evenings this fall. We are actively involved with FINER - The Fatherhood Involvement Network Edmonton Region.

At the Edmonton Institute for Women we were able to provide **one to one parenting support** for **27 women**. The Centre provided pre and post-natal information and support to **65 women** with the **Health for Two Prenatal Nutrition Program**. **94 low income families** benefitted from Early Learning Services offered in partnership with the **Jasper Place Wellness Centre Family Group**. **66 Families** with new babies attended the **Early Literacy Program** we offer at River West Church West to the Anthony Henday and **185 new comer families** participated in our Early Learning Program at the West location of the **Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers –West End Community Connections**.

We served **1274** families  
via **150** programs  
at **11** locations  
this past year.

We provided  
personalized, one on one  
and group supports to  
**44 young parent families**

### **Advocating for the Early Years**

We worked closely with the West Edmonton Early Childhood Mapping Coalition in mobilizing knowledge of the importance of early brain development through the Brain Architecture Game and the Simple Interactions tool. The Centre worked with End Poverty Edmonton and Public Interest Alberta in conveying messages about the importance of affordable, accessible quality Early Learning and Child Care. We continue to support the greater child care community as a lighthouse Centre in the field.

### **Providing basic needs in our community**

About **300 people** accessed food through our **Bread donation** program. Our **Wecan Food Basket Depot** served an average of **50 families** each month.

**Thank you COBS and Bon Ton bakeries for their ongoing donations!**

The Centre distributed over **1000 winter items** (coats, mitts and toques) to families in need through the **Coats for Kids and Families Program** and distributed **113 Sleep Sacks** through the Baby Box Company.

### **Here is what parents and caregivers said about their experiences with Our Parent Link and Family Support Services**

“As a grandparent who watches my two young grandkids I love that there is an indoor play centre, that has no cost, that I can get the kids out of the house to play”

“Supported me with issues I am facing with my toddler”

“Been coming for several years and lots of things to do”

“I love the staff here – knowledge based, kind, and supportive. They take the time to make relationships with the kids and help cuddle babies, we all appreciate all they do! The facility is always clean with toys and crafts and play stations fresh and interesting.”

“I understand better ways to approach and address my sons behaviour”



**We are expanding our services to children, families and the community**

## **The Orange Hub**

We have been working diligently this past year to renovate and prepare our second site at the City of Edmonton owned Orange Hub!

The Orange Hub is a centre for non-profit groups that offer programs and services in the arts, recreation, wellness and learning.

[https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/the-orange-hub.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/the-orange-hub.aspx)

At the Orange Hub we will be bringing our positive history of quality programs and services to children and families by offering full-time, part-time, and drop-in care Early Learning and Child Care Spaces, as well as additional Parent Link Services.

Our hope is that this expansion will provide spaces for some families on our child care waitlist.

We are excited to build new partnerships with tenants of the Hub including; Yellowhead Tribal College, Adaptabilities and the Learning Centre in providing co-ordinated services to the community.

As part of our growing support to children families and the community we are going through a re-naming and re-branding process, stay tuned.





## Our 2018-2019 Executive Board of Directors

Lloyd Hofmann- Chairperson

Rebecca Thompson- Vice Chair

Irina Hilliard- Treasurer

Tara Dreger- Secretary

Karissa Anderson—Director

Danielle Dreger- Director

Tara Dumont Director

Eva Brown- Director

### Cabrini

#### Early Learning Educators

Ngan (Emy) Nguyen

Kanwal Khalil

Kerbi Boadway

Jocelyn Cruz

Kriselle Joyohoy

Jasmine Werrun

Bowen Song

Marianne Taruc

Tamara Nichol

Paula Lumandas

Michelle Tonhauser

Carmen Garcia

Meagan Lord

Katie Sharp

Mavis Akraasi-Sarpong

Jenny Wong

Mikaela Schouten

Katy Courtoreille

Taylor (Jiabao) Qian

Tracy (Yajun) Liu

Susan Watmough

Danila Pastor

Hannah Gallant

Vanita Zoe

Aida Gayayan

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### Orange Hub

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Gina Hong

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Jordan Stacey

Dhanraj Singh

Chloe (Peiyue) Wang

Ying Yang

Monica Quintana Romero

Rachael Seu

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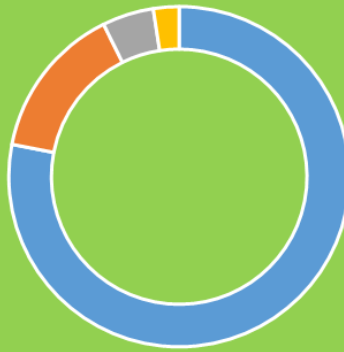
Lauren Parker

Jinjing Yao

Jayleen Young

Rupinder Kaur

## 2018/19 Expenditures



■ Salaries & Benefits      ■ Program Supplies  
■ Staff & Board Training      ■ Administration

### Fundraising 2018/19

1. Admazing Coupon Books ---	\$315
2. Bottle returns-----	\$376
3. United Way Contributions ---	\$2655
5. Family Celebration Raffle ---	\$1396
6. General Donations -----	\$8979
7. Casino -----	\$77,067
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$90,788</b>



### Thank you to our Funders

The City of Edmonton-Family & Community Support Services  
 Government of Alberta Children's Services  
 Edmonton and Area-Child & Family Services  
 Alberta Education      Canada Summer Jobs



Thank you to the board, families, children, community partners and for your continued support.

**Adine Shuchuk**  
**Executive Director**