

FIREFLY update by Joel Willett

- Met with FIREFLY finance and complex applications manager to discuss budget and respite needs already known to FIREFLY.
- Met with THRIVE Children's Treatment Centre as also working on a similar respite project, brainstormed ideas for survey questions, ideas for training
- Plan is to send survey to families already on the respite mail out list (approximately 160 families)
- Ideas for accessing individuals already interested in providing respite:
 - KACL
 - Atikokan community living
 - Harmony centre Red Lake
 - Fort Frances community living
 - KRR (rainy river district)
 - Dryden volunteer centre
 - Community living Dryden and Sioux lookout
 - Confederation College, seven gens, lakehead (contact north), NAAN: ECE program, social work, child and youth worker, nursing
- Recruitment of trainees
 - Family and friends
 - Staff providing adult respite
 - Offer to pay trainees for their time and registration? Payment would be received upon completion of the training and registration on www.respiteservices.com
- Topics to include in training:
 - Have trainees take this training:
<https://www.respiteservices.com/Elgin/index.aspx?ArticleID=2185&lang=en-CA>
 - Duty to report
 - First aid
 - Parent session with lawyer on how to set up contracts with respite staff
 - Parent session with accountant on book keeping and paying respite staff
 - OT, SLP, PT, ABA, CYMH
- Other ideas for longevity after March 31, 2021:
 - Record sessions for future use/access – have different options available on FIREFLY website or FIREFLY YouTube channel link and families could indicate which ones are required to work with their child (brief training videos on specialized skills)
 - Create grab and go packages for respite staff to be able to use for sessions to better engage clients (might be lists on website as well as tangibles available at each office site)
- Timeline:
 - Survey send out week of Dec 1
 - Collect results mid December
 - Training begin sessions in January