

Children's Receiving Home

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The first quarter of the new year has been quite eventful at the Receiving Home. Staff changes have occurred, statistics have been gathered, many admissions and discharges transpired, and preparation for the License Review has been completed.

In March, Pat and Erin Croal resigned as Houseparents. Fortunately, Kent and Ann MacDougall, who worked for the Home during the Christmas Holidays were recruited. They bring to the Home much experience in childcare, youth counseling, and have a thorough knowledge of the Receiving Home. We welcome them to the Home.

The first quarter showed that the Receiving Home provided 570 childcare days: January 204, February 187, and March 179. There were 15 children in and out of the program in January; 17 in February; and 22 in March. March was the most active month for admissions and discharges as 18 children were in and out of the program within the month. The average length of stay for a child

the first quarter was 11 days. This last statistic is quite meaningful, because children are being returned to their families or foster care sooner.

Through the first quarter the staff diligently worked to prepare for the Licensing Site Review. All the records were inspected for completeness, accuracy, and organization. The Home's Operations Manual was revised and updated. New forms were developed, and old ones were revised or discarded. The Licensing Agent has contacted the Home to plan for a review, and hopefully in the near future this can be done.

Lastly, the Spring Festival occurred from April 12 to 14. Most of the residents and staff were able to attend many of the events. We saw the Parade, dog sled races, snowmachine races, fashion shows, and many other activities. But best of all, we saw Lula Sovalik, the Home's Domestic Engineer, win the Mukluk Race. Congratulations Lula.

As whaling season approaches, the staff and residents wish the captains and the whaling teams **BEST OF LUCK!**

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