

- Is preventive in nature
- Helps people develop an awareness of social needs
- Helps people improve interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships
- Inspires efficient and effective use of resources
- Provides support which helps sustain people as active participants in the community
- Assists in the development of coping skills, independence and crisis preparation
- Enables citizens and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions affecting them
- Encourages and facilitates cooperation and coordination with allied service agencies operating within the municipality
- Promotes public participation in planning, delivery and governing of the program and services provided
- Promotes and facilitates the development of stronger communities
- Promotes the involvement of volunteers



196 of the 201 FCSS Programs in Alberta (representing 317 municipalities and Métis Settlements) are members of the FCSS Association. Membership provides the opportunity for local FCSS Programs to have a voice in the direction and activities of the Association, a member rate to attend FCSSAA annual conferences, and access to the FCSSAA Resource Bank. Membership fees assist the FCSSAA to support the work of FCSS Programs, locally and regionally; support the FCSS Directors' Network; consult with local Directors and Boards on issues and challenges that relate to the well-being of FCSS; and develop resources and professional development opportunities to strengthen FCSS across the province. Through participation on the FCSS Program Advisory Team with Children and Youth Services representatives, the FCSSAA Executive responds to programming questions and issues that impact delivery of the provincial FCSS Program.

The FCSSAA houses a resource centre where FCSS staff and Board members can access materials developed specifically for FCSS, such as the *FCSS Orientation Modules*, the *Working Together Papers*, the *Understanding FCSS* audio-visual presentation and the FCSSAA website. Resource materials on community development, needs assessments, program planning and program management are available free to FCSSAA members, as is consultation with the FCSSAA Executive Director and Project Coordinator.

FCSSAA VISION

FCSS is the leader in preventive social support programs in Alberta.

FCSSAA MISSION STATEMENT

The Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta unites and strengthens the FCSS community by representation and advocacy on behalf of member boards.

Every November, the FCSSAA President and Vice President are elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the other 15 Board members appointed by their respective Regions and Directors' Network.

THE ROLE OF THE FCSSAA BOARD IS:

- ▶ to listen to its members
- ▶ to identify common concerns and issues related to FCSS
- ▶ to communicate those issues to other members and to the provincial government, along with proposed solutions
- ▶ to support communities by developing tools which will meet local needs and mandates

2010 FCSSAA BOARD MEMBERS

President Mary Ann Eckstrom

Vice President Jeff Carlson

Regional Representatives

Calgary/	Joe Ceci
Bow River	Hamish Kerfoot
East Central	Gunnar Albrecht
Edmonton/	Wendy Lickacz
Evergreen	Irene Heath
Northeast	Heather Stromquist
Northwest	Lesley Vandemark
South	Barbara Lacey
West Central	Gina Armstrong
Yellowhead	Marsh Hoke

Directors' Network Representatives

Phyllis Collins
 Maribeth Friesen
 Penny Fox
 Debbie Goeseels
 Donelda Laing

2010 MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

POPULATION	FEE (\$)
1 - 500	99.00
501 - 1,000	199.00
1,001 - 3,000	299.00
3,001 - 5,000	500.00
5,001 - 10,000	698.00
10,001 - 20,000	899.00
20,001 - 35,000	1,299.00
35,001 - 55,000	1,499.00
55,001 - 80,000	1,999.00
80,001 - 110,000	2,999.00
+ 110,000	3,333.00
Associate	125.00

Annual memberships are September 1 - August 31 and are due every September, payable to Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta.

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