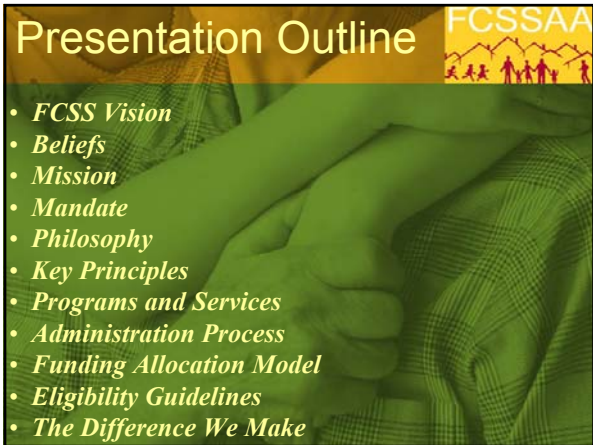




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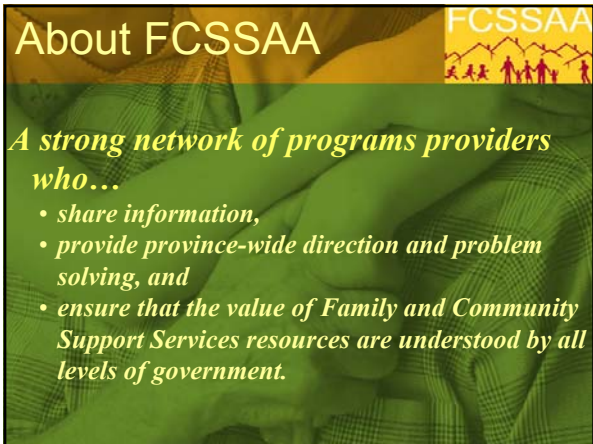
Understanding FCSS



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Presentation Outline

- *FCSS Vision*
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FCSSAA

About FCSSAA

*A strong network of programs providers
who...*

- *share information,*
- *provide province-wide direction and problem solving, and*
- *ensure that the value of Family and Community Support Services resources are understood by all levels of government.*

The FCSS Vision



Alberta's diverse people building strong communities through positive, caring interaction and mutual respect.





We believe...



A community's most valuable resources are its people. Investments made in developing and supporting people pay dividends in all areas of community life.

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“FCSS plays an integral role in our community. It has opened the doors to families and individuals that would normally have been left closed... closed until it becomes a family crisis and authorities of all types are called in.”

Sundrie FCSS



We believe...



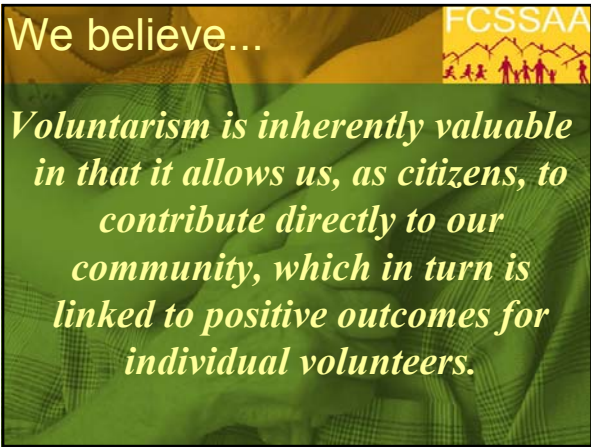
We can make valuable contributions to our communities, and communities need the contributions of all of us.



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“FCSS has inspired our community to do more for others and reach out to everyone.”

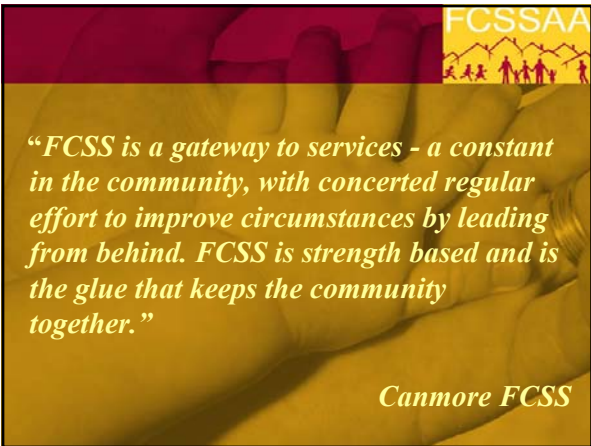
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We believe...

Voluntarism is inherently valuable in that it allows us, as citizens, to contribute directly to our community, which in turn is linked to positive outcomes for individual volunteers.



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“FCSS is a gateway to services - a constant in the community, with concerted regular effort to improve circumstances by leading from behind. FCSS is strength based and is the glue that keeps the community together.”

Canmore FCSS

We believe...



Partnerships are fundamental to community building.

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“FCSS helps bring people together to share information and to develop partnerships to meet needs identified by the community. It provides grassroots support, utilizing volunteers as an important part of the fabric of the community.”

Okotoks FCSS



We believe...



Municipalities and Metis Settlements can support individuals, families and communities by providing well designed preventive social programs.

We believe...



Each municipality and Metis Settlement has unique needs and is best able to identify those needs and propose solutions to meeting them.

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“FCSS is different in every community it serves. Therein lies its success – a basic framework of guiding principles, a network for sharing ideas, successes and failures and the ability to shape projects according to need.”

Hinton FCSS



The FCSS Mission



FCSS is a partnership between the province, municipalities and Metis Settlements that develops locally-driven preventive social initiatives to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

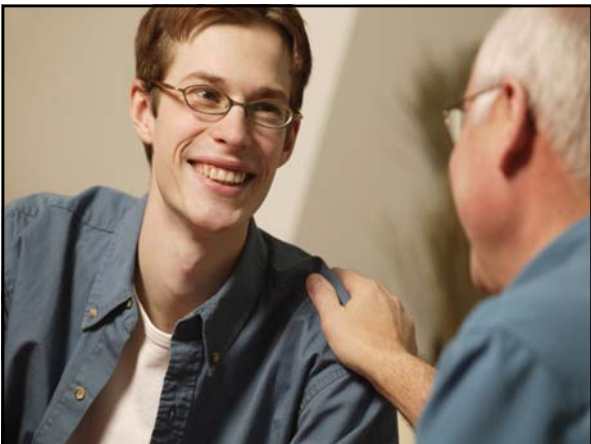


Our Mandate...

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Provincially: from the Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation.

Locally: Municipal or Metis Settlement Councils choose whether to establish a program, and enter into an agreement with the province to jointly fund the program.



The FCSS Philosophy



self help builds

integrity self-worth independence

programs

create healthy lifestyles

improve quality of life

*build capacity to prevent and/or be prepared
for crisis situations*



Key Principles



Within the FCSS Act and Regulation

- ***local autonomy*** in priority setting and resource allocation
- ***local decision-making*** for programming builds community capacity
- ***municipalities and Metis Settlements determine how they will allocate funds*** to meet their community's need



FCSS Programs 

promote the social development of children and their families

*parent/child development activities
temporary/or occasional parent relief services
support services for young school age children*

FCSS Programs 

enrich and strengthen family life through...

*parenting & family life education and development
marriage enrichment
retirement planning
programs for single adults and single parents
self-awareness and personal growth programs
individual, family and group counselling services
youth development services*

FCSS Programs



enhance the quality of life of the retired and semi-retired through...

- home support services*
- education and information services*
- outreach and coordination services*
- self-help socialization activities*

FCSS Programs



promote, encourage and support volunteer work in the community

- recruitment, training and placement services*
- resources to support volunteers*
- coordination of volunteer services*

FCSS Programs



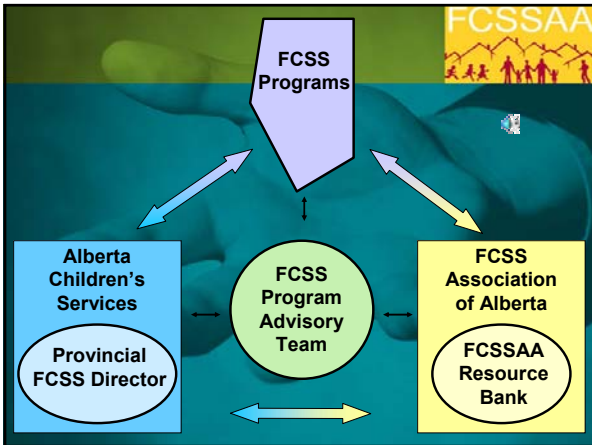
assist communities to identify their social needs and develop responses to meet those needs

- raising public awareness around community issues*
- developing strategies for community advocacy*
- developing comprehensive community social plans*
- environmental scans, service reviews, strategic plans*
- in-kind support to community-based groups*

FCSS Programs



inform the public of available resources
information and referral services
community information directories
newcomer services
interagency coordination



Admin Process Overview



**key dates vary for Metis Settlements*

- August:** Province confirms funding allocation for forthcoming year. Municipalities request all/or portion of grant amount based on the municipal budget estimate.
- October:** municipalities receive, sign and return the Funding Agreement
- January, April, July, October:** municipalities receive quarterly payments
- Following January:** municipalities compile program reports, financial audits, and compliance certificates
- April:** municipalities submit annual reports to province

Funding Allocation Model

Funding is based on the **population** of each participating municipality or Metis Settlement and is adjusted for the **median income level** of the municipality or Settlement in relation to all other communities in Alberta.

80/20 Funding Split

- The FCSS Regulation requires that a municipality/Metis Settlement receiving funds must contribute, as a matching share, no less than 20% of the total budget.
- These funds must be allocated from the operating budget of the municipality or Metis/Settlement.

Eligible Projects must

promote, encourage and facilitate:

- the involvement of volunteers
- efficient and effective use of resources
- cooperation and coordination with allied service agencies
- the development of stronger communities
- citizen participation in planning, delivery and the governance of the program and of services provided under the program.

Eligible Services must



- be of a preventive nature
- help people develop
 - independence & coping skills
 - an awareness of social needs
 - interpersonal and group skills
- help people & communities assume responsibility for decisions & actions which affect them
- provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community

Programs must **NOT**



- provide primarily for recreation needs
- offer direct financial assistance
- be primarily rehabilitative in nature
- duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.

More Information



Further information regarding FCSS programs, the administrative process, the funding model and eligibility guidelines is available from:

- Your local FCSS Program Staff or Board Members,
- Alberta Children's Services, and
- The FCSS Association of Alberta.
