



PROFILE of

Fort Saskatchewan & Sturgeon County Community Partnership Committee

Goals:

- Service providers are more aware of available resources and where they are lacking
- Services providers are more aware of identified barriers that limit families from accessing resources
- Service providers communicate with each other on an ongoing basis
- Families have increased access to services throughout the region
- Utilizing mapping information, service providers are able to adapt existing resources to be more focused on client needs

Outcomes

- Increased knowledge of what is happening in our “community” among committee members
- Stronger links of communication between service provider members
- Increased commitment to a more collaborative, cooperative approach to service delivery
- Increased commitment to a long term family and children services plan/strategy for our “region” that will address identified needs.

Process: (Provide significant dates and information up to and including your current Phase)

- September 2005: a “Request for Proposal” was developed to hire a contractor to undertake social mapping activities
- PAC Team Canada Inc. was contracted to perform the work
- One day workshop created to have partnership members identify indicators and gather human resource data from communities in the region
- Multiple meetings by committee members
- March 2006: Final Report received from contractor “Human Services & the Population”
- April 2006: A mini-conference was identified as a mechanism to present mapping information to the community.
- May 24, 2006: Retreat held to plan for a “mini conference” in Fall '06. Councils, FCSS Boards, service providers and community members to be invited.
- June 22, 2006: Categories/topics (basic needs, services for children with disabilities, childcare services, mental health, parenting, community safety) are established for Mini Conference
- August 22, 2006: Agenda developed for Mini Conference
- October 23, 2006: Mini Conference took place with approximately 100 community members in attendance. Attendees provided their feedback to what was learned through mapping and provided input and prioritization on the issues identified. A summary document was created
- November 2006: Future Directions and Goals determined based on the feedback generated from Mini Conference

- January 2007: Sub-committees formed to address the top 3 issues identified: Child care services, wrap around services, youth resilience.
- May 2007: Child Care survey was undertaken with child care providers in the region. Information gathered informed the committee about issues being noted by providers and areas in the region where the services available are unable to meet the need. Also identified areas where there were no formal child care services.
- November 2007: Representation from C.P.C. participated in Fort Saskatchewan Youth Resiliency Committee resulting in community presentations with Keith Pattinson being opened up to families and services providers throughout the Sturgeon Region.
- September 2008: Committee worked with an external facilitator to undertake a visioning session to regroup and identify continued priorities.
- November 2008: Information gathered from the Child Care Survey was utilized by the Sturgeon School Division in determining location for Child Care portable. Additional child care spaces were opened at Guthrie School.
- Spring 2009: Sturgeon School Division began discussions with community partners and School Principals to look at possible partnerships for Out of School Care Programs at local schools.
- May/June 2009: Mental Health issues were identified as an emergent concern due to changes in the economy. Representatives from Community Mental Health were invited to attend a meeting to share information about services.
- Winter 2009: Sturgeon County FCSS hosted a Interagency meeting with the Primary Care network to access information about resources that are provided through the network.
- March 2010: Hosted an Interagency meeting where a commitment was generated to have continued Partnership or Interagency meetings four times annually.

Members & Organizations Represented

- FCSS Redwater
- FCSS Sturgeon County
- FCSS Gibbons
- CFSA Morinville area
- FCSS Bon Accord
- FCSS Fort Saskatchewan
- CFSA Strathcona
- CFSA Fort Saskatchewan
- CFSA – Region 6
- FCSS Morinville
- Military Family Resource Centre
- FCSS Legal
- Sturgeon School Division
- M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region

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