

# Did You Know?

## Learn about Family & Community Support Services

### What is FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)?

This is a Provincial Grant Program in partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating Municipalities and Metis Settlements to design and deliver local preventative social services to improve the well-being, of individuals, families and communities.



### Where does the Funding come from to deliver FCSS programs, services or events?

The Government of Alberta Contributes 80% of the Funding towards the FCSS Program. The Town of Irricana contributes a minimum of 20% as per the FCSS agreement.

### What programs are eligible and what programs are ineligible under FCSS and who can apply?

#### Eligible Programs (as stated in the FCSS Mandate):

- Help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills, and become more resistant to crisis
- Help people develop an awareness to social needs
- Help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships amongst people
- Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them
- Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in their community

#### Ineligible Programs:

- Provide Primarily for Recreation needs or leisure pursuits
- Offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter to sustain an individual or family
- Be primarily rehabilitative in nature
- Duplicate services that are already provided by the government or a government agency
- Funding cannot cover operational costs that are not directly aligned with the FCSS program

### What are the FCSS Prevention Strategies?

- Promote and Encourage Active Engagement in the Community
- Foster a Sense of Belonging (Community or Individual)
- Promote Social Inclusion
- Develop and Maintain Healthy Relationships
- Enhance Access to Social Supports
- Develop and Strengthen Skills that Build Resilience

### Why do I have to fill out a Survey when I attend an FCSS Program or Event?

Outcomes and Measurements are a major part of the reporting process with FCSS. Surveys are a valuable tool to report on program objectives, community impact, volunteerism, community need and opportunities for continuous improvement.

### What is the FCSS Mandate? (Programs must do one or more of the following):

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- Help people to develop interpersonal and groups skills which will enhance constructive relationships amongst people
- Help people develop awareness of social needs
- Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them
- Provide Supports that help sustain people as active participants in their community



### Where can I learn about FCSS programs, events or services in my community?

- Town of Irricana Website
- Social Media (Facebook)
- Gateway Gazette Newsletter
- Local Schools
- Local Libraries
- Contact FCSS at [bswanson@irricana.com](mailto:bswanson@irricana.com)



### What are the costs to attend FCSS Programs?

The majority of FCSS programs, events and services are offered FREE or at a subsidized rate.