

Town of Irricana Municipal Office

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Stronger Together

The Irricana Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program promotes and enhances the well-being of individuals, families and communities. FCSS programs are intended to help individuals adopt healthy lifestyles, improve their quality of life and build capacity to prevent and deal with crisis situations should they arise.



When you see this Logo, these programs, events and or services are hosted, sponsored or funded by Irricana FCSS. Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a joint Municipal/Provincial partnership that funds preventive social service programs.



Some examples of local FCSS programming are:

- providing information and supporting access to available social supports in the local community;
- promoting, encouraging and supporting volunteer work in the community;
- developing the skills of individuals and families for greater resiliency, such as through mentoring programs;
- supporting the social development of children and their families;
- supporting seniors to remain connected to their communities;
- support people in developing skills to have healthy relationships with others;
- help individuals and communities assume responsibility for decisions and actions that affect them

The mandate of Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is for communities to design and deliver social programs that are preventive in nature to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families and communities.



FCSS Programs

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

Irricana Programs

FCSS-funded programs in the Town of Irricana and surrounding rural areas support a variety of individuals and families of all ages. Each year, FCSS funds local nonprofit groups and partners to establish local programs that suit the social and mental needs of our community members.



Irricana Events

FCSS-funded events are family-focused, community-driven, and provide a sense of community for all who attend. By bringing people together, we strive to connect everyone with the joy of local events while providing support resources for all ages. Big and small, successful events rely on amazing community volunteers. Each year, we recognize our youth and adult volunteers with a special event in their honour.

Irricana Services

FCSS-funded services include local support services such as Community Links, Closer to Home Community Services, the Irricana Boys & Girls Club, the Irricana Municipal & Rural Library, the Irricana Ladies Club, the K.I.K. Senior Association, Kathyrn School, and the Airdrie Disability and Resource Center. These non-profits provide vital community support services targeting different age groups and social needs.



FCSS Funding

FCSS funding is for non-profit organizations. Programs and services that are requesting funding must benefit the community of Irricana.

Types of services eligible for FCSS funding:

- Services that promote the social development of children and their families.
- Services that enrich and strengthen family life by developing skills so people can function more effectively within their own environment.
- Services that enhance the quality of life of the retired and semi-retired.
- Services to promote, encourage and support volunteer work in the community.
- Services to assist communities to identify their social needs and develop responses to meet those needs.
- Services to inform the public of available services.

Types of services that may not be eligible for funding:

Services provided under a program must not:

- Provide primarily for the recreational needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals.
- Offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family.
- Be primarily rehabilitative in nature; nor duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency.

FCSS Funding Applications

Applications for local non-profit funding open in July and close on November 1st of each year. Successful applicants receive funding based on the current needs of the community. Programs and services can include training seminars, after-school or PD programs, crafting and social groups, outdoor recreation social groups, newborn and toddler social groups, and family education. If you're a non-profit organization that has a great idea about a preventative-based program, service or event in Irricana and are looking for funding, contact our FCSS Coordinator.

For any questions about the FCSS program or for assistance with the application process or program eligibility, please contact Brook Swanson at <u>bswanson@irricana.com</u>.

Loca **Supports**

Do you know where to find local support for childcare, employment, education, mental health, abuse, or food insecurity?

Emergency & Crisis

Emergency: 911 Alberta Mental Health Help Line: 811 Poison Control: 1 (800) 332-1414 Crime Stoppers: 1 (800) 222-8477 Kids Help Phone: 1 (800) 668-6868 Airdrie & District Victim Assistance: (403) 945-7290

Mental Health & Addictions Food & Clothing

Distress Center: (403) 266-4357 Togetherall: www.togetherall.com AHS Mental Health Helpline: 1 (877) 303-2642 Access Mental Health: (403) 948-3878 Alcoholics Anonymous: (403) 777-1212

Irricana Food Bank: (403) 935-4911 Airdrie Food Bank: (403) 948-0063 Good Food Box Program: (403) 275-0258 Community Links: (403) 945-3900



Youth Services

Kids Help Phone 1(800)668-6868

Child Abuse Hotline 1 (800) 387-5437

Distress Center Connecteen (403) 264-8336

Hope Homes (Ages 15-18) (403) 280-6293

Kidsport Canada of Jumpstart (587) 434-5428

Hope Homes (Youth 15-18) (403) 280-6293

Big Brothers & Big Sisters (403) 777-3535

Irricana Boys & Girls Club (403) 948-3331

Irricana Playschool Association (403) 935-4727



Family Services

Closer to Home Community Services (403) 543-0550

Community Links (403) 945-3900

Airdrie & District Victim Assistance (403) 945-7290

Child Maintenance Enforcement (780) 422-5555

Childhood Development Concerns/Pediatric Rehabilitation Line Health Link 811

Best Beginnings Pregnancy Support (403) 228-8221

Senior Services

Rocky View Regional Handibus (403) 948-2887

Seniors Outreach Services (403) 443-2555

Service Canada 1 (800) 277-9914

Alberta Supports Contact Center 1 (877) 644-9992

Rocky View Foundation (Seniors) (403) 945-9724

Kerby Center Senior Abuse Line (403) 705-3250

