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Family and Community Support Services

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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 these logos, these programs, events and or services are hosted, sponsored or funded by Irricana FCSS and Rocky View County 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, Irricana FCSS and Rocky View County FCSS funds local non-profit 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.

Irricana Services

Irricana FCSS and Rocky View County FCSS supports many local services, non-profits and organizations in our community. These non-profits provide vital community support services targeting different age groups and social needs.

FCSS Prevention Priorities

The Irricana Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is committed to strengthening individuals, families, and the community through prevention-focused programs that promote connection, well-being, resilience, and support across all stages of life. By aligning with Alberta's Provincial Prevention Priorities, FCSS Irricana helps create a healthy, inclusive, and supportive community where residents feel connected, empowered, and supported.

Provincial Prevention Priorities & Alignment with FCSS Irricana

The Family and Community Support Services focuses on prevention and early intervention strategies that strengthen individuals, families, and communities before challenges become crises. Through community-driven programming, partnerships, and supports, FCSS Irricana works to build resilience, social connection, and overall well-being for residents of all ages.

FCSS Irricana aligns its programming with Alberta's Provincial Prevention Priorities in the following ways:

Homelessness & Housing Insecurity

FCSS Irricana supports individuals and families by connecting residents to local resources, services, and community supports that promote stability and reduce barriers to safe housing.

Mental Health & Addictions

FCSS Irricana promotes mental wellness through inclusive programs, social connection, community engagement, and access to supportive resources that help reduce isolation and strengthen well-being.

Employment

FCSS Irricana supports skill-building, confidence, leadership, and community involvement to help residents build resilience and increase opportunities for future success.

Family & Sexual Violence Prevention

FCSS Irricana promotes healthy relationships, inclusion, and safe community connections through family-focused programs, education, and early intervention supports.

Aging Well in Community

FCSS Irricana helps seniors remain active, connected, and supported through programs that encourage social engagement, wellness, and community participation.

FCSS Prevention Strategies

FCSS Irricana puts these prevention strategies into action by thoughtfully planning programs, activities, and community events that encourage connection, inclusion, skill-building, and overall well-being. Through opportunities for residents of all ages to participate, learn, and build relationships, FCSS Irricana helps strengthen a healthy, supportive, and resilient community.

Promote Active Engagement

FCSS Irricana encourages residents to participate in programs, events, and volunteer opportunities that strengthen community connection and involvement.

Foster a Sense of Belonging

FCSS Irricana creates welcoming and inclusive spaces where residents feel valued, supported, and connected within the community.

Promote Social Inclusion

FCSS Irricana provides opportunities for individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds to connect, participate, and build meaningful relationships.

Build Healthy Relationships

FCSS Irricana supports positive relationships through family-focused programming, community engagement, and opportunities for social connection.

Enhance Access to Social Supports

FCSS Irricana helps connect residents to local services, resources, and supports that promote overall well-being and community wellness.

Build Resilience

FCSS Irricana helps individuals and families develop confidence, coping skills, and support networks that strengthen their ability to navigate life's challenges.

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 email FCSS@irricana.com.

Local 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

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

Food & Clothing

Irricana Food Bank: (403) 616-3304
info@irricanafoodbank.ca
www.irricanafoodbank.ca
Airdrie Food Bank: (403) 948-0063
Good Food Box Program:
(403) 275-0258
Community Links: (403) 945-3900

Children &Youth Services

Kids Help Phone
1 (800) 668-6868

Child Abuse Hotline
1 (800) 387-5437

Distress Center Connecteen
(403) 264-8336

Kidsport Canada of Jumpstart
(587) 434-5428

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

Big Brothers & Big Sisters
(403) 777-3535

Irricana Playschool Association
(403) 935-4727

Seeds to Sprouts Kindergarten
(403) 945-0028

RVS Mental Health Capacity Building
(403) 945-4000

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

Airdrie Disability Resource and Awareness Centre
(403) 926-5240

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

Community Links
(403) 945-3900

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Reach out with any questions or concerns:
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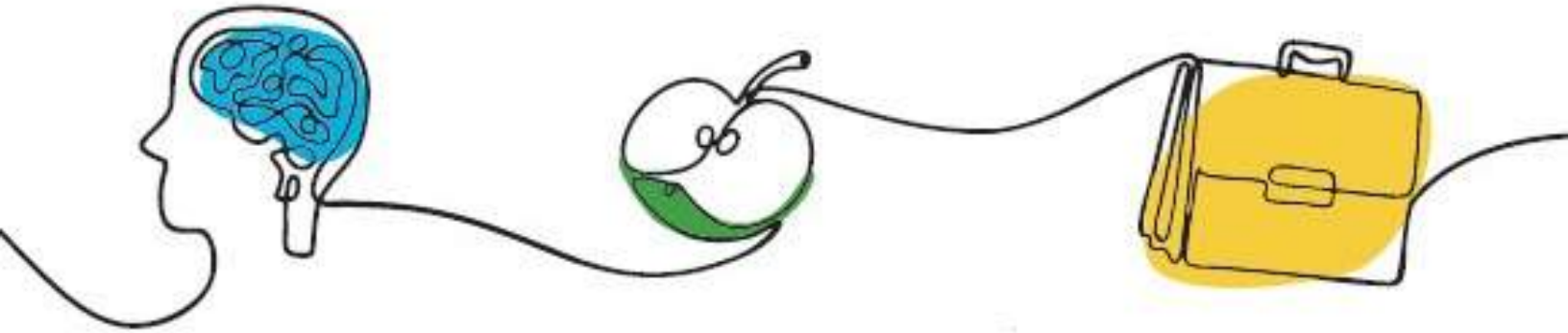

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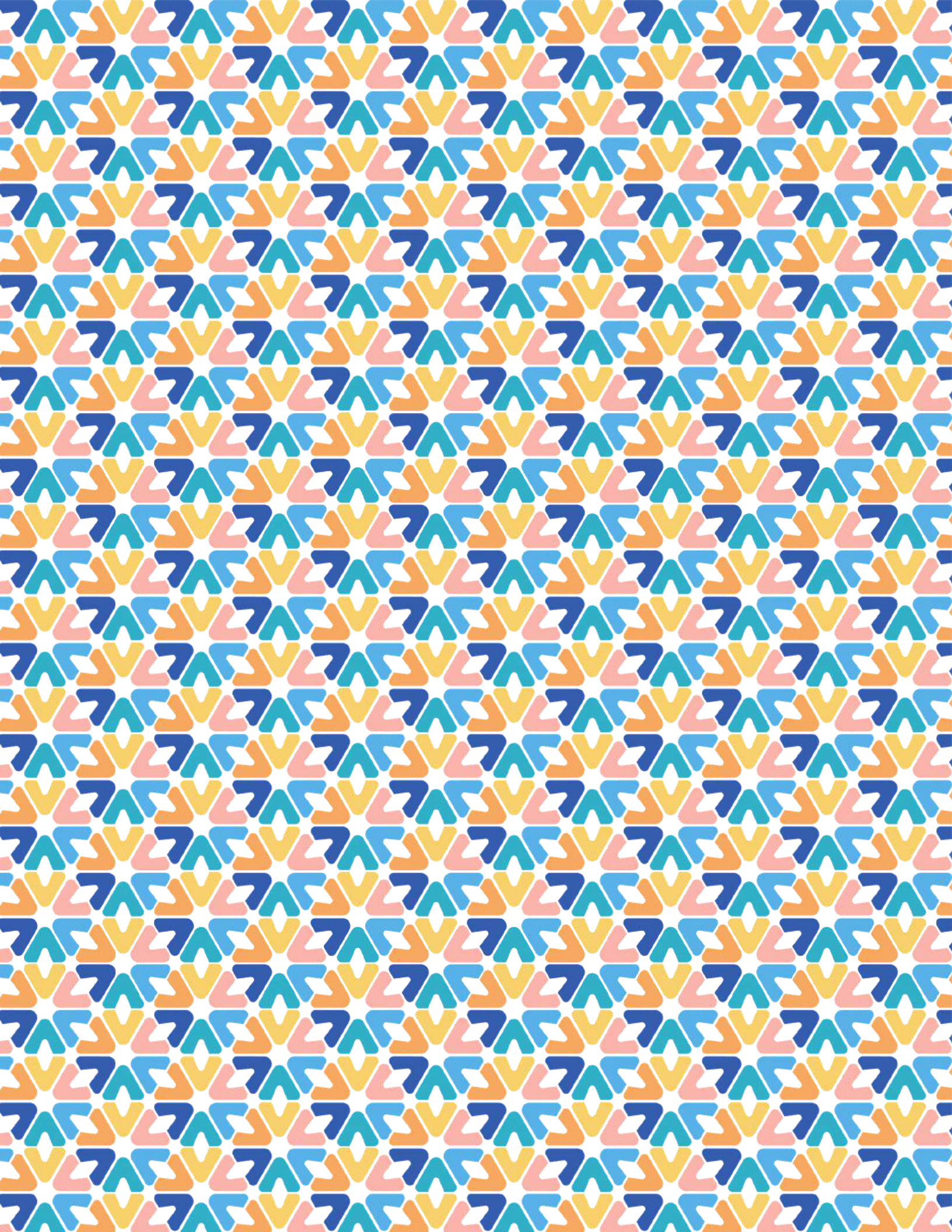
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