



FCSS 101



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“Nearly 50 years ago, a group of courageous Albertans sought a better way, more economical and more human. If we could build a provincial system that relied on local knowledge and leadership, the quirks and strengths of local cultures, maybe we could do what no other jurisdiction had tried: inspire our neighbours, families and colleagues to prevent crises, community by community

That system, known today as Family and Community Support Services is one of Alberta’s most important inventions.”

What Does FCSS Mean To Me?

Why Am I Here?

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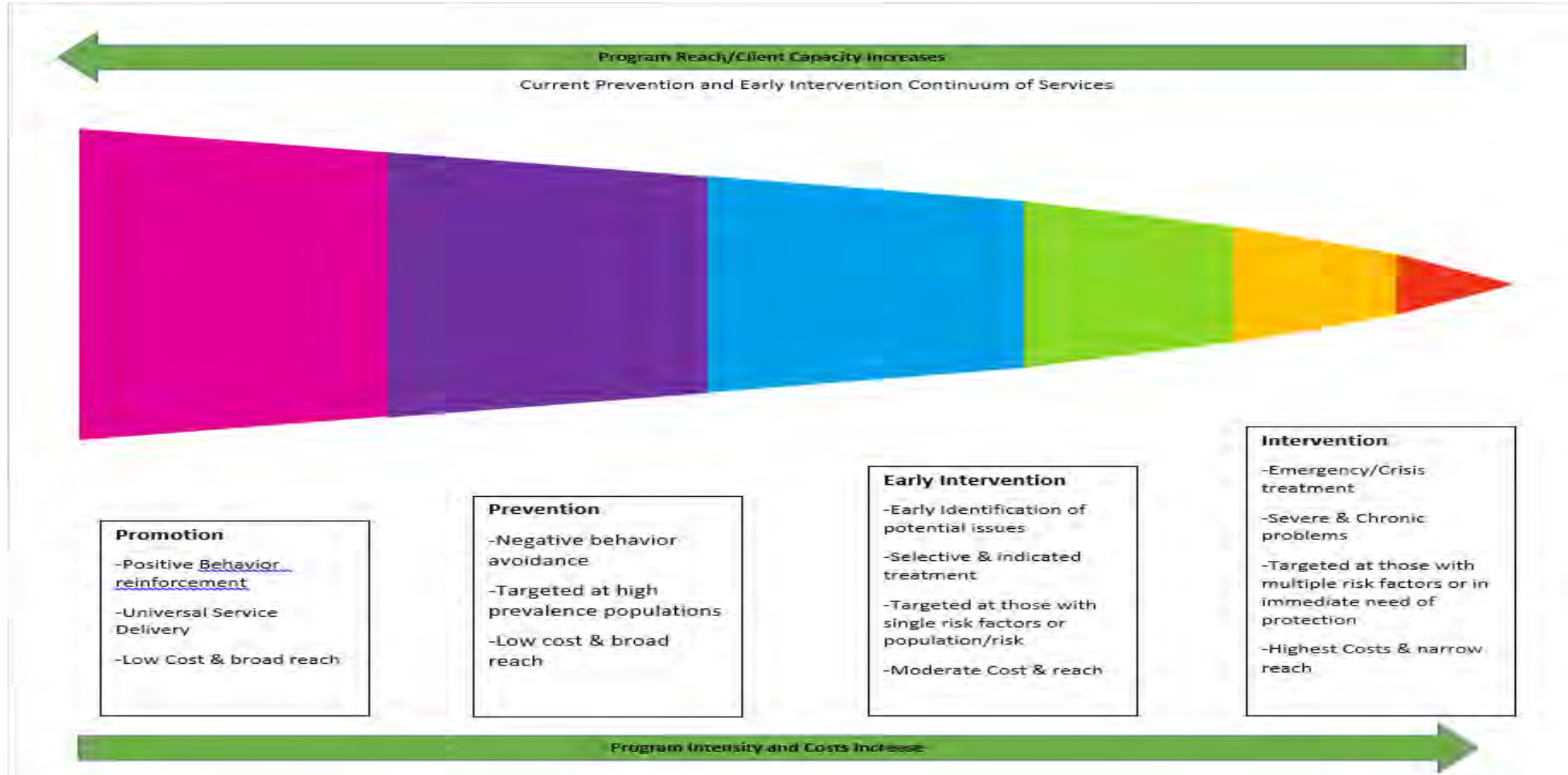
- Municipal Councillor
- FCSS Advisory Board Member
- FCSS Staff
- Community Volunteer



What Does FCSS Do?

PREVENTIVE
SOCIAL SERVICES!

Continuum of Prevention



FCSS Programs and Services

- Assist communities to identify their social needs and develop responses to meet those needs
- Promote, Encourage and Support Volunteer Work
- Inform the Public of Available Services
- Promote the Social Development of Children and their Families
- Enrich and Strengthen Family Life by Developing People's Skills
- Enhance the Quality of Life for the Retired and Semi-Retired

How Do We Know We're Making a Difference?

Areas of Need	Number of FCSS Programs Addressing the Need with Community Initiatives	Percentage of FCSS Programs Addressing the Need with Community Initiatives (N = 162)
Early childhood development	101	62.3%
Safe communities	84	51.9%
Other	79	48.8%
Poverty reduction	44	27.2%
Homelessness	24	14.8%

*From FCSS Outcomes Report 2012

Over-arching Goal

FCSS enhances the social well-being of individuals, families and community through prevention.

SD1

Help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis.

SD2

Help people to develop an awareness of social needs.

SD3

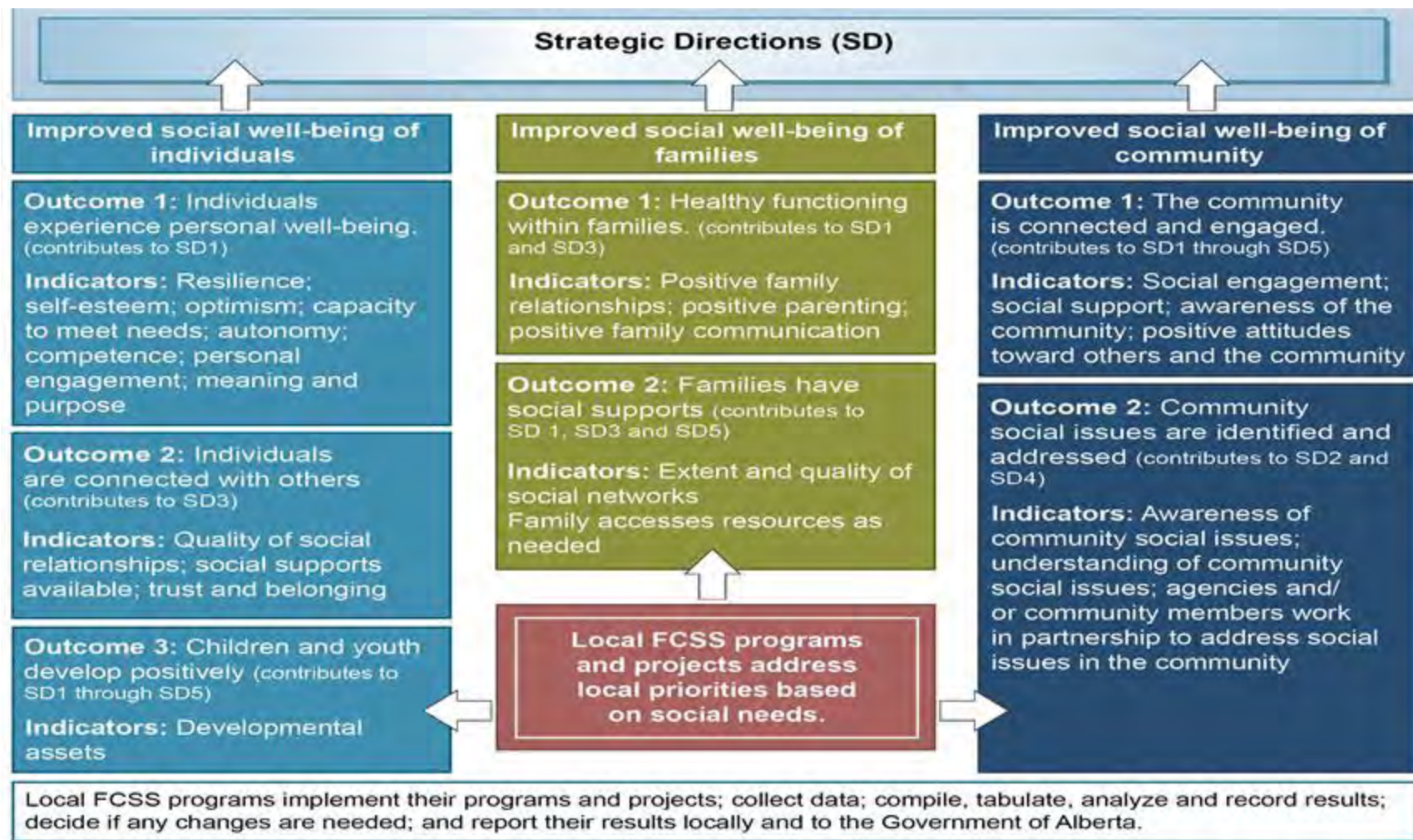
Help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people.

SD4

Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them.

SD5

Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community.



FCSS By the Numbers

- 319 Municipalities and Metis Settlements participate; they form 207 FCSS Programs
- Less than 3800 Albertans reside in communities without FCSS
- Each FCSS Program has 1 designated FCSS Director
- \$76.141 million is the Provincial Contribution for FCSS for 2015/16
- FCSS Programs have established 1 Provincial Association (the FCSSAA)
- The FCSSAA has 1 Executive Director

FCSSAA



FCSSAA Role

- Listen to its members
- Identify common concerns & issues related to FCSS
- Communicate issues to other members & to the Provincial Government
- Support Communities by developing tools which meet local needs & mandates

FCSSAA Resource Bank

- Resource Bank/ FCSSAA Office is staffed by three people- Executive Director, part time Project Co-ordinator, and an Executive Assistant
- Provides a “bank” for FCSS resources, tools, and information
- Online presence at [www/fcssaa.org](http://www.fcssaa.org)
- Training Programs and orientation sessions provided
- Projects such as The FCSS Storybook and the Annual Calendar

Who Else is Involved in FCSS?

Alberta
Human
Services



Resources

A number of FCSS resources and publications to support FCSS programs are available.

- The ministry's website at <http://humanservices.alberta.ca>
- The FCSSAA website at <http://www.fcssaa.org>.

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The FCSS Story

“When Albertans are connected to one another- a new immigrant family to the people next door, teens to mentors, seniors to children, volunteers to volunteers, the hungry to those with the means to share, when kids have places to play, to love and to learn- this is impact. It’s different in every village, town, city and neighbourhood in Alberta but we’re united by a single goal. This is the business of FCSS.

We like to think of ourselves as builders. We build Albertans.”

Questions?



**Thank
You**

Mahalo

Kiitos

Tack

Toda

Grazie

Obrigado

Thanks

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Gracias

Merci