

FCSS 101

FCSSAA Conference

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Agenda

- What is FCSS?
 - Program History and Mandate
 - FCSS Accountability Framework
 - Prevention Priorities and Strategies
- How FCSS Works
 - Governance Structure
 - Role of the FCSSAA
- Program Administration
- Outcomes Model
 - Program Objective and Key Performance Measures
- Eligible Programs and Services

What is FCSS?

Program History and Mandate

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- Program started in 1966
- 80/20 Partnership
- Voluntary Participation
- FCSS Act and Regulation
 - Mandate and Requirements
 - Responsibilities and funding parameters
- Emphasis on Prevention
- Focus on Volunteerism

FCSS Accountability Framework

- Common definition of prevention
- Provincial prevention priorities and strategies
- Clear governance structure
- Streamlined outcomes model and Key Performance Measures

***Prevention** is a proactive process that strengthens the protective factors of individuals, families and communities to promote well-being, reduce vulnerabilities, enhance quality of life and empowers them to meet the challenges of life.*

Prevention

Primary ✓

- Address root causes of social issues

Secondary ✓

- Address issues at early stage

Tertiary

- Address immediate needs

Provincial Prevention Priorities

- Homelessness and housing insecurity;
- Mental health and addictions;
- Employment;
- Family and sexual violence and;
- Aging well in community

Provincial Prevention Strategies

- Promote and encourage active engagement in the community;
- Foster a sense of belonging;
- Promote social inclusion;
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships;
- Enhance access to social supports; and
- Develop and strengthen skills that build resilience.

Governance Structure

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	Program Advisory Team	Steering Committee
Purpose	Connect GoA FCSS program staff, FCSSAA, and Local FCSS Programs at the operational level to support FCSS Program accountability.	Formally connects and fosters a positive working relationship between the GoA and external FCSS stakeholders.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Society and Community Initiatives Executive Director • FCSSAA Executive Director • FCSS Directors Network members • GoA FCSS Program Staff • FCSSAA Program Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Deputy Ministers (representing cross ministry partners) • FCSSAA Board President • FCSSAA Executive Director • Alberta Municipalities • Rural Municipalities of Alberta • Metis Settlement General Council • FCSS Directors' Network representatives
Functions	<p>Operational focus with work plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and maintaining training material program guides, and program policies • Identify operational issues and trends 	<p>Provides strategic oversight on matters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the framework • Provincial level trends and emerging needs • Opportunities for continuous improvement

The FCSSAA



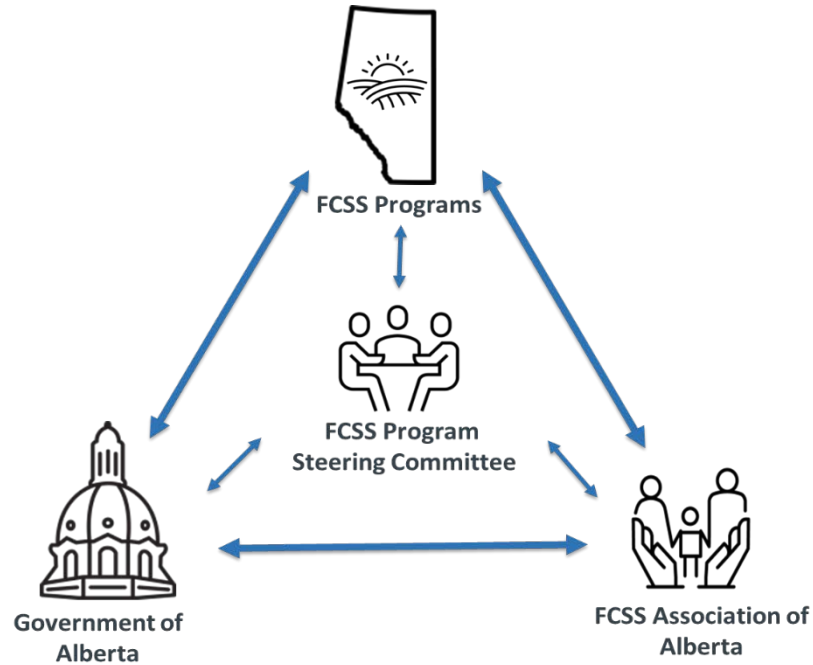
Working Together

FCSS in Alberta

- 308 Municipalities and 8 Metis Settlements, organized into 210 local programs
(Oct 1, 2022)
- Over 98% of the population resides in communities with FCSS programs
- 8 FCSS regions in the province



How FCSS Bodies Relate



FCSS Association of Alberta

- Representatives from FCSS regions and the Director's Network Committee make up the board
- Strong voice on behalf of FCSS programs, advocating to government and non-government organizations on issues that impact FCSS
- Works closely with the ministry; solid relationship with other ministries and non-government organizations related to FCSS
- Annual conference in November and regular learning opportunities
- Regional meetings occur in the spring



FCSS Administration

Program Structure and Municipal Responsibilities

Structure

- Single Program
- Multi Municipality
- Grant Transfers

Administration

- FCSS Department
- Community Services Department
- Direct Municipal Management
- Society/Non-Profit

Direct Delivery

- services are provided by FCSS program staff or service providers under contract

External Grants

- FCSS funds granted to local organizations and groups to deliver services or projects - “FCSS funded agencies”
- can be ongoing grants or one-time projects
- must meet FCSS eligibility guidelines

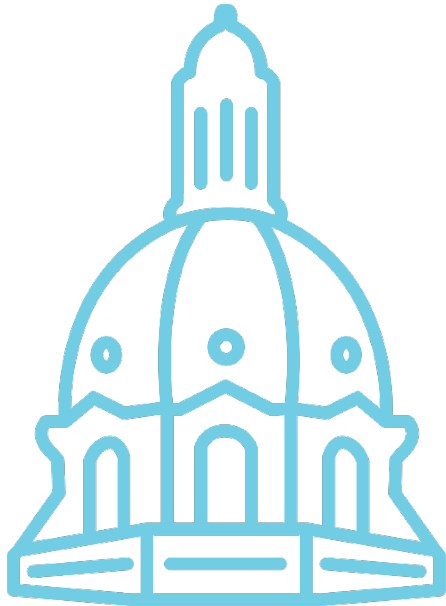
Municipal Roles & Responsibilities

- Responsibilities:
 - Develop stronger communities
 - Promote public participation
 - Facilitate and promote volunteerism
 - Use resources efficiently
 - Coordinate and cooperate with allied service agencies
- Roles:
 - Municipal Council
 - Advisory Board/Committee
 - FCSS Program Director

Program Management

- Community needs assessment
- Plan programs and services
- Outcomes monitoring
- Program evaluation
- Annual reporting
- Promote the program and share success stories

Provincial Roles & Responsibilities



- Coordinate program governance
- Establish provincial prevention priorities and strategies
- Ensure accountability
- Complete program reviews
- Interpret legislation
- Develop policies
- Provincial level reporting

FCSS Outcomes Model

Program Objectives & Key Performance Measures

Program Objectives and Outcomes

- FCSS programming:
 - Increases the protective factors of individuals, families and communities related to provincial prevention priorities.
 - Strategically connects Albertans to address provincial prevention priorities.
 - Reflects community demographics and needs.
 - Is accessible, appropriate and designed to serve Albertans across their lifespan.
 - Fosters connectivity in participating communities

Key Performance Measures

- Program Outcomes (streamlined list of provincial outcome measures)
- Local FCSS Programs that completed a needs assessment
- Number of program participants
- Number of referrals made
- Percentage of participants satisfied with FCSS programs and services
- Percentage of participants reporting FCSS programs and services were easy to access
- Number of partnerships
- Number of volunteers and volunteer hours

Eligible Programs and Services

Program Requirements and Eligibility

- Must be preventive, enhance the well-being of individuals and families, and contribute to one or more of the following:
 - Help people develop independence, strengthen coping skills, and become more resilient to crisis;
 - Help people develop an awareness of social needs;
 - Help people develop interpersonal and group skills that enhance relationships;
 - Help people and communities assume responsibility for decisions and actions that affect them; and
 - Support people to be active participants in their community

Eligible Programs

- Projects that assist communities to identify their social needs and develop responses to meet those needs;
- Programs that promote, encourage and support volunteer work in the community;
- Services that inform the public of available services;
- Programs that support skill development so people can function more effectively within their environment;
- Programs to support seniors to remain in their homes; and
- Programs promote the social development of children and their families.

Ineligible Services

- Services must not:
 - Be primarily recreational or leisure time pursuits
 - Be primarily rehabilitative in nature
 - Duplicate services provided by a government or government agency
 - Offer direct assistance*
- Prohibited costs:
 - Capital expenses (land, buildings, building renovations, vehicles)
 - Those not directly related to FCSS programs/services
 - Municipal taxes or levies
 - Payments to board members other than expense reimbursement

Eligibility Assessment

Question	Answer
Is the service or project preventive in nature?	Yes
Does it enhance the social well-being of individuals or families?	Yes
Does it address a community need?	Yes
Does it align with one or more prevention strategies?	Yes
Does it address one or more of the prevention priorities?	Yes
Is it: <ul data-bbox="63 790 595 888" style="list-style-type: none">• Primarily recreational?• Primarily rehabilitative?	No
Does it: <ul data-bbox="836 790 1522 888" style="list-style-type: none">• Duplicate a program or service?• Provide direct assistance	
Does it comply with allowable municipal costs?	Yes

Questions?

