

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release - November 26, 2024 – Edmonton, Alberta – *FCSSAA Welcomes New President and Board members following 2024 Annual General Meeting.*

On November 15, 2024, the members of the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) elected a new President to the Board. Effective immediately, Kayla Blanchette of Bonnyville & District FCSS has succeeded Murtaza Jamaly as Board President.

Kayla also serves as an elected Councillor of the Town of Bonnyville. A true advocate in her community, Kayla is involved in numerous organizations and groups working tirelessly to champion support for everything from mental health programs for youth, to senior support services and the development of programming to enhance community resilience.

The FCSSAA Board welcomes the following new members to the 2025 Board:

- Luke Statt, City of Edmonton FCSS, for the Edmonton-Evergreen Region (Edmonton)
- Darleen Reimer, Athabasca County FCSS, for the Northeast Region
- Brian Peterson, County of Grande Prairie FCSS, for the Northwest Region
- Dennie Hycha, Ponoka FCSS, for the West Central Region
- Kathleen Waxer, Jasper FCSS, for the Yellowhead Region
- Zakk Morrison, Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS, from the Directors' Network
- Tracy Proulx, Westlock & District FCSS, from the Directors' Network

The FCSSAA also thanks the following members who are returning to the 2025 Board:

- Kelly Nelson, Vulcan & Region FCSS, for the Calgary-Bow River Region (Bow River)
- Kourtney Penner, City of Calgary FCSS, for the Calgary-Bow River Region (Calgary)
- George Glazier, Paintearth County FCSS, for the East Central Region
- Michelle McKenzie, Cypress County FCSS, for the South Region
- Bobby-Jo Stannard, Red Deer & District FCSS, Chair, Directors' Network
- Crystal Tremblay, Smoky River FCSS, from the Directors' Network

As we begin a new year, we congratulate new FCSSAA President, Kayla Blanchette, along with new and returning Board members, and offer our heartfelt thanks to those who have retired from the Board.

The Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) was founded in 1981, as a member-driven organization dedicated to bringing Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs from across the province together. The FCSSAA provides the platform for our member programs to connect and collaborate, so they can maximize resources and speak with an informed, credible, unified voice to all stakeholders.

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