



# FCSS

# Accountability Framework

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## Program and Reporting Updates and Changes

Based on feedback from the Accountability Framework training



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The following updates have been made to the Accountability Framework training manual, training PowerPoint and next year's reporting template.

### Additions to the Glossary of Definitions (see FAQ or new training documents for definitions)

- Referral Activity
- Program Activity
- Partner
- Direct Service Delivery
- Indirect Service Delivery
- Family

### Community Groups and Age Groups

- First Nations, Métis and Inuit are now sub-categories and can be selected once having chosen “Indigenous” as a Community Group. This is optional: If your program is intended for First Nations, Métis or Inuit peoples primarily, there will be an option to specify this. If your program is for Indigenous peoples generally, you do not need to indicate a sub- category. You are not required to ask program participants details about their Indigenous status.
- FCSS Programs can now choose up to two Community Groups to better reflect the demographics of the target populations for your FCSS Activity. Although some activities may be intended for groups that fit more than two categories, in order to ensure consistent, clear, and comparable data, we have limited the selections to two.
- The Age Group category has been reformatted to better capture age groups of the target population of your FCSS Activity. FCSS programs will be able to choose up to two age groups in this category.
  - The new selections are: Children, Youth, Children and Youth, Adult, Family, Seniors, All Ages (No Specific Target)
  - Family: A combination of child(ren) or youth and an adult in a caregiving role. A caregiver is defined as anyone responsible for the care and well-being of a child or youth, and may include parents/stepparents, grandparents, foster parents, relatives, or another adult acting in a parenting role.

### Program Categorization

#### Community Development and Capacity Building

- To capture roles or programs that focus on community development initiatives, particularly those that emphasize back-boning and capacity building among community members, the “Partnerships and Agency Capacity Building” category



will be expanded to include “Partnerships, and Agency or Community Capacity Building”.

- An example of this would be a municipality that hosts a workshop on how to build up your community, and the workshop is intended for members of the community to attend.

## Direct Assistance

- If your Municipality or Metis Settlement has received Minister approval under section 2.1(3) of the *Family and Community Support Services Regulation* for the use of FCSS funds for direct assistance activities during a public health emergency or other extenuating circumstances (such as a fire or flood), there will be a new category to record this in reporting. You will be asked to report on activities funded during this time.

## New From the Provincial FCSS Team

- Each FCSS program will be asked to categorize their program under Primary or Secondary Prevention. There will be additional information added to the training material to support with this.

## Survey Questions

- The survey question listed under the “Collective Impact” section has been rephrased to more accurately reflect the spirit and intent of the concept, emphasizing structured collaboration and shared outcomes.
  - The new question is: “I feel better able to work with others toward common goals”.
- In Section 1 and Section 2 of the Survey Questions, under the Key Performance Measure the related Program Objective is listed. We have added additional information under the Objective to clarify the meaning of “accessible”.
  - It will now appear in this format:

Objective 4: FCSS Programming is accessible, appropriate, and designed to serve Albertans across the lifespan.

For clarity on the meaning of “accessible”, please see the Glossary Definition of “Easy to Access”.

## Funded Agency Support and Training Material

- The updated training package and PowerPoint slides will be provided in an editable format that can be distributed as needed to staff and funded agencies.
- Please note that we are amending the documents as a result of the feedback received, and a final version will be released soon.