

Vegreville & District Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Review of 2016



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



Alleviating pressure on other Town of Vegreville departments and services within the community

INFORMATION & REFERRAL



Information for evacuees of the Fort McMurray and other Alberta wildfires:

FCSS created a booklet with information from various sources to make it easier and faster for Vegreville to assist evacuees. Many of the evacuees and those helping evacuees found the resource very beneficial.

Hidden Homelessness:

FCSS has assisted the Infrastructure, Planning and Development department with individuals who are homeless. With both departments working together we have been successful in getting individuals connected to the appropriate provincial government services.

WELCOMING & SAFE COMMUNITY



Age-Friendly Committee

FCSS is working with a committee to assist with the Town of Vegreville Strategic Plan 2014-2017, under the Community Services planning category for objective 1.03 - Assess municipal and community infrastructure, services, and facilities to support aging in community / aging in place. FCSS shares and supports the benefits of an age-friendly community and is working to improve stronger community connections, more optimal use of public resources, greater opportunities for businesses and enhanced citizenship.



Programs, Services, Projects and Events



SIZZLIN' SUMMER

- 95 Children
- 66 Families
- 16 Jr. Leaders
- 3 Paid Summer Students
- 11 Staff doing coverage
- 14 Community partners

35 out of 36 parents said the Sizzlin' Summer staff were professional

"Our first experience and very impressed with the organization, activities, and the kids anticipation and excitement to attend." - Parent



MEALS ON WHEELS

- 27 clients
- 2041 meals served
- 26 volunteer drivers

\$500 donation received from Cartier's Neck Yoke Bunch

The FCSS Community Programmer is hearing lots of clients say the meals are good and this helps them a lot.



ASSISTANCE WITH FORMS

40-50 seniors per month ask for help with various forms.

New: Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program (SHARP). It provides low interest home equity loans to help seniors finance necessary repairs, adaptations and renovations to their homes. Made available through Alberta Seniors & Housing



FAMILY DAY 2016

Approximate Numbers:

- 300 Breakfast
- 255 Swimming
- 50-60 Skating at Arena
- 236 Bowling
- 15-20 Warming Fire
- 120 Concession
- 15 Community Partners

Providing opportunities for families to play together more often results in healthier and, happier individuals. Overall, this is crucial for the development and maintenance of a strong community.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP)

- 350 returns Feb to April 2016
- 108 returns May/16 to Jan/17
- 6 volunteers doing the returns

Poverty reduction and money going back into the community:

- One tax client who had 6 years of years of back taxes and received a return of over \$12,000.
- Individuals report that the CVITP helps them to get their taxes done and to not get cut off from any income supports



YOUTH MAKING A CHANGE (YMAC)

New partnership with the Vegreville Rotary Club - Youth Leadership Program

Runs from Oct 2016 to June 2017. 4 Stages of the program:

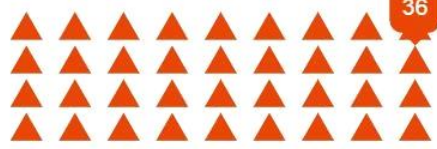
- 6 Training Sessions
- Youth will sit on a board
- Community Project
- Reflection through blogging

We've heard that Volunteer Alberta thinks this is a unique program and they are looking forward to sharing it with others

Seniors Health & Wellness Conference All survey responders felt they now have the ability to improve their life!
"It's an excellent program to gain valuable info in a comfortable setting" -Senior



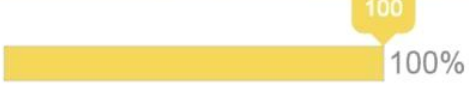
Alzheimer's Society Presentation 36 attended
This included people who have been recently diagnosed



Rural Elder Abuse Prevention Day Only half of attendees reported that they have the services and support they need to address elder abuse.



Babysitters Course 17 Children ages 11-13
Survey Question: The babysitter's course has taught me how to believe in myself and get through tough times.



Bunny Hop 248 participants
Survey Question: Attending the Bunny Hop has helped me get to know other children in my community better

- Agree (72.06%)
- So.. (20.59%)
- Do.. (7.35%)



Spring Fling Outdoor Carnival Approx. 300 participants
Survey Question: As a result of the Spring Fling outdoor carnival I feel a sense of belonging to my community



Community development and the quality of life in Vegreville - Attracting the necessary workforce

