



**NORTH CENTRAL ALBERTA**  
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Ms. Maxine Fodness  
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5015 - 49 Avenue  
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4

Dear Ms. Fodness:

On behalf of the Board of the North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority (Region 7 CFSA), we would like to extend a personal invitation for you or designate(s) of your choosing to join us for the *2012-2015 Business Planning Community Consultation*. It is our sincere hope you will share with us your insights and knowledge in shaping strategies to support children, youth and families in our Region.

Please choose the date and location below that would be most accommodating for you and your organization:

*Jasper*

*Date:* October 12<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
*Location:* Jasper Inn and Suites ~  
Pyramid Room  
98 Geikie Street

*Athabasca*

*Date:* October 14<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
*Location:* Athabasca Regional Multiplex ~  
Perpetual Meeting Room  
#2 University Drive

*Barrhead*

*Date:* November 7<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
*Location:* Barrhead United Church ~  
Church Basement  
5102 – 60<sup>th</sup> Street

*Lac La Biche*

*Date:* November 9<sup>th</sup>  
*Time:* 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
*Location:* Ramada Inn & Suites  
9305 – 100<sup>th</sup> Street

The half day sessions will be facilitated by Heather Nickel from our Community Development Partners in St. Paul.

The intent of this Community Consultation process is:

- To help continually improve programs and services to children, youth and families in our communities;
- To provide the opportunity for community members, organizational leaders and service providers to contribute to the building of North Central Alberta CFSA's Regional Business Plan;
- To provide the opportunity to share how you or your organization can play a part in improving the lives of vulnerable children, youth and families; and
- To strengthen relationships with community stakeholders.

We will focus some of our day on the 4 principles that shape our "vision" for Children and Youth Services: Prevention, Preservation, Protection and Partnership.

**Prevention:**

- An organization that recognizes relationships will help build community capacity; to help families grow strong and maintain their resiliency and their opportunity to provide the best environment for their children.

**Preservation:**

- An organization that provides or makes provision to support the family and family system whenever or wherever families are perceived to be at risk.

**Protection:**

- An organization that is responsible for child protection when children are at risk. The organization must provide resources and protect those in need.

**Partnership:**

- An organization must work closely with the community through cooperative, informed and respectful relationships in order to ensure the best interests of its families are being met.

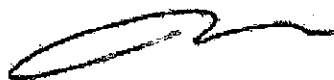
We will also embark on a facilitated exercise that will require a little forethought on your part. Please think about how you would respond to the following questions:

- 1) We are in the business of serving children, youth and families with needs. What is a) working well in your communities and b) not working well?
- 2) In regards to the things that are working well – why are they working and what needs to be in place to ensure their continued success?
- 3) In regards to the things that are not working well – why are they challenges for your community and what has prevented them from working?
- 4) What specific message(s) should the Region be sharing with other stakeholders, CFSA staff and management, the Ministry and others regarding the issues in your communities?

To help in our planning process, please RSVP to Charity Wallace at least four days prior to the event of your choice by phone at **780-305-2439** or by email at [charity.wallace@gov.ab.ca](mailto:charity.wallace@gov.ab.ca). Please indicate your event of choice at that time.

If you are unable to attend any of this year's events but would still like to provide your input, please contact Charity Wallace and she will send you a link to a survey.

We look forward to your involvement and anticipate a very valuable and productive session.



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