

The Family and Community Support Services Program

The provincial Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant Program is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Government of Alberta and participating municipalities and Metis Settlements to design and deliver local preventive social services to improve the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Since its inception in 1966, the provincial FCSS Grant Program has become widely recognized across communities in Alberta as a cornerstone program providing local preventive social supports.



For Camrose and District, the FCSS Program is delivered by Camrose and District Support Services (CDSS).

There is a multi-municipal agreement in place with the municipalities of Camrose County, City of Camrose, and the Villages of Bawlf, Bittern Lake, Edberg, Hay Lakes and Rosalind.

Programs offered serve all ages and demographics offering access to FCSS services to people where they live. The types of programming offered in each community are in response to social issues and building resilience, reflective of the needs and circumstances of those communities, and are based on provincial prevention priorities within the FCSS mandate. FCSS services enhance strengths, skills and abilities, build individual or community safeguards, and address protective and risk factors. (FCSS Accountability Framework Seniors, Community and Social Services @2022 Government of Alberta).

Prevention Strategies

Prevention strategies for the provincial FCSS Grant Program focus on enhancing protective factors for individuals, families and communities. Local FCSS programs can apply these strategies in a way that meets the unique needs of their local community:

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

Provincial Prevention Priorities

Albertans have demonstrated great resilience in the face of economic and social challenges, which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges continue to pose hardships for many individuals, families, and communities. The Government of Alberta has identified the following key social issues affecting Albertans. These social issues are the basis for provincial prevention priorities, and should be considered when local FCSS programs are planning their community programming.

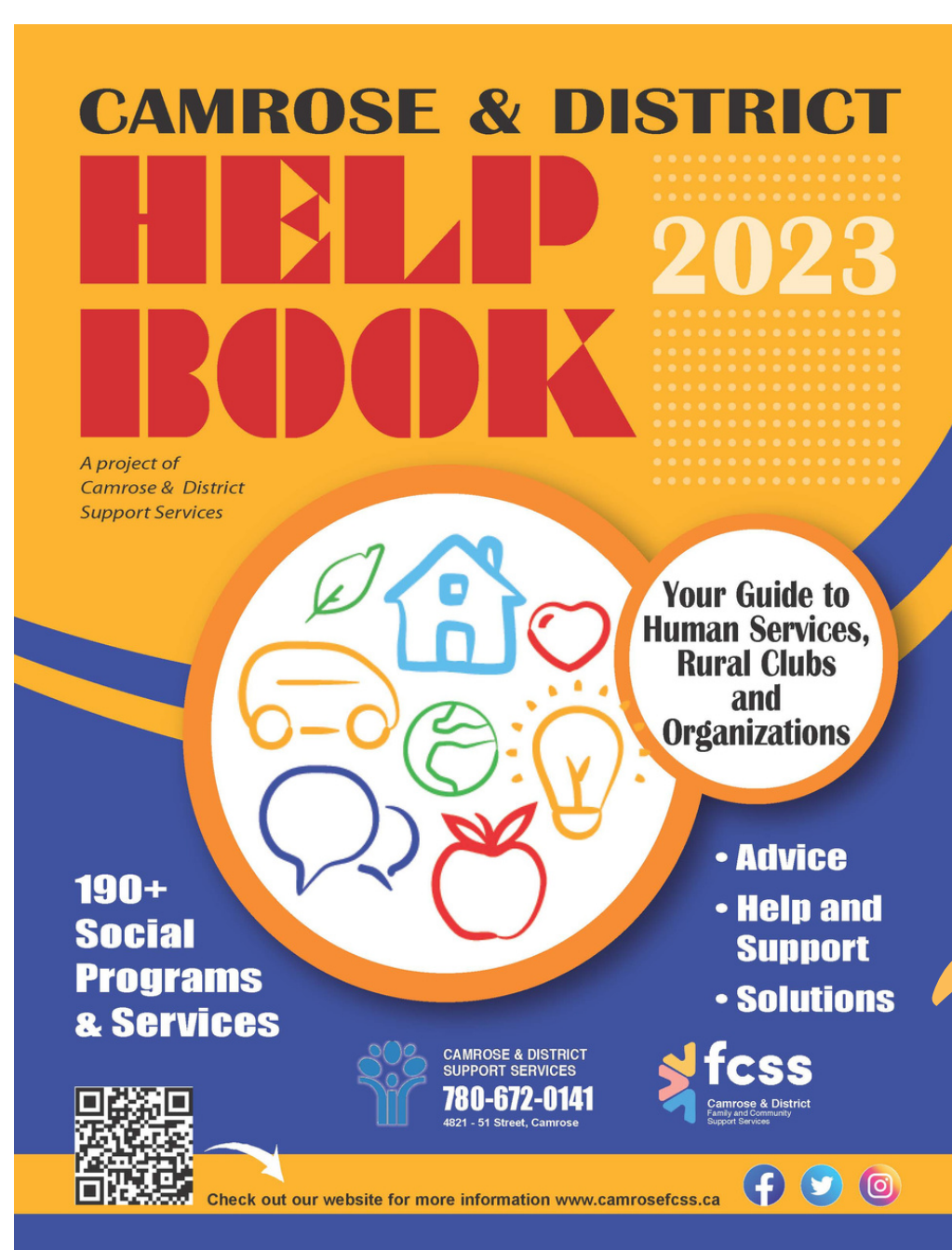
- Homelessness and housing insecurity
- Mental health and addictions
- Employment
- Family and sexual violence across the lifespan
- Aging well in community

2023 CDSS Funded Programs & Services

- BGC Camrose
- Camrose & Area Men's Shed
- Camrose & District Home Support Society
- Camrose & District Preschool Society
- Camrose County Summer In-the-Park
- Camrose Family Resource Centre
- Camrose Interagency
- Camrose Senior's Coalition
- Changing Ways (Family Violence Action Society: Camrose & District)
- Habitat for Humanity – Camrose Financial Literacy Project
- Meals On Wheels
- Rural Mental Health Project
- Service Options for Seniors
- OSCAR Child Care Society

Community Initiatives:

- Camrose Helps Collective Impact (Interagency Meetings)
- Camrose County Christmas Cookies
- City of Camrose Recreation Subsidy
- Help Book
- Information Referral and Support
- SportQuip
- Take-A-Coat/Leave-A-Coat
- Tools for Schools



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