

NORTHWEST CENTRAL FASD NETWORK

1st Quarter 2022,

Happy Spring Everyone. We can only hope the worst part of the Covid 19 pandemic is behind us and we as a Network can create our new normal. Covid has taught us that many processes work just as well through an online platform: meetings, working groups, professional development, formulations for clinic... and we plan on continuing in this format as it saves mileage dollars and worker's time allowing us to increase our capacity for services. We do know that meeting with most of our clients, especially those in crisis or with a variety of issues, is best in person on a regular basis. We will ensure that this process does not change. We will continue our strength based, client centered practice, meeting individuals we serve where they are.

As always, we will adhere to all government mandated Covid 19 safety protocol.

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Celebrating PARTNERSHIP and COLLABORATION

NWCFASD Network is proud to continue our strong partnerships with the three agencies we contract to do the frontline services across our vast region. A huge thank you to WJS in Slave Lake for our North Zone, Hinton Adult Learning Centre for our West Zone, and Healthy Families Healthy Futures for our Central Zone. We at the Network realize that collaborating with a respected agency whose offices reside in the community is best practice. We are extremely grateful to have these agencies be responsible for community awareness/prevention, clinic support, and individual and caregiver supports for their respective zones. They do an absolutely fantastic job and are wonderful members to our Network team. Sincerely, THANK YOU for all you do.

wjs Canada
strength in people



Healthy Families
Healthy Futures

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

HIV Edmonton, Options in Hinton and Northreach out of Grand Prairie have formed a partnership to increase sexual health and offer the discreet testing for sexually transmitted infections, STIs, to people of the NWCASD Network region including the six First Nations communities that we service. Alberta has a Syphilis outbreak with the numbers highest in the northern region. Together we hope to stop the spread of this dangerous and sometimes fatal disease.

Partner up
to produce
meaning
AND value.



HIV Options

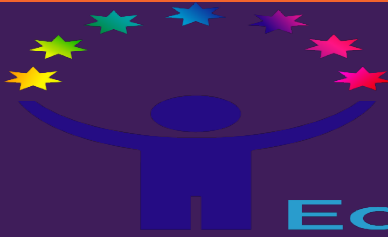


Out of NWCASD Network collaboration with HIV Edmonton, Options and Northreach we discussed further partnership through a collective effort to bring much needed Sexual Health and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, FASD, information to the youth in our Network region. Using a portion of the Prevention Conversation program's "Let's Get Real" slide deck we plan to co-facilitate programming in our schools for grades five to twelve covering such topics as: sexual health, STI's, healthy relationships, consent, contraception, sexual crimes, alcohol/drugs and pregnancy, FASD, and support resources. By working together, we ensure that the students receive the most up to date information from experts in their respective fields. We also introduce these valuable support resources to the students and the schools; hopefully leading to further partnerships between them all. We plan to begin joint programming in the fall.



"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." — Mother Teresa

"Alone we can do so little-together we can do so much." – Helen Keller



Edmonton Regional LEARNING CONSORTIUM

The WRaP 2.0 project a partnership between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Community and Social Services has Networks hiring FASD Instructional Coaches to provide FASD Professional Development and Instructional Coaching to education administration from Feb 1, 2021 until January 30, 2026.

Angela Kemble is the coach for the NWCFASD region and we house Tsion Abate's position who provides WRaP 2.0 services to the Edmonton area for the Edmonton Fetal Alcohol Network, EFAN.

Together we have partnered with the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium, ERLC, to co-facilitate FASD learning modules province wide to teachers and Education Assistants for the duration of the WRaP 2.0 project.



The NWCFASD Network's In Reach program has us partnering to provide FASD services (annual staff training and ongoing support, FASD sharing circles for residents, assessment and diagnosis, FASD informed release plans, transitional mentorship and connection to community) with Edmonton's justice facilities including Edmonton Institute for Women, Edmonton Remand, Fort Saskatchewan Penitentiary, Edmonton Young Offender Centre(provincial), and Buffalo Sage Wellness Centre. We are expanding the full spectrum of services to youth resulting in wonderful partnerships with partnerships with YMCA, YouCan and Oak Hill. We are working to develop a partnership with the Edmonton Institution to provide services there. The support of the Ministry of Governor and Solicitor General has ensured this program is a success and we extend a huge thank you to them.

