## WILLOW WINDS SUPPORT NETWORK

3rd Quarter (July, August, September 2024)

## Celebrating FASD Awareness Day and Month





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation FASD BBQ hosted in partnership by Justice Courts, Mayerthorpe RCMP and Willow Winds



Hinton Registration Fair (left), HFHF Deonne Dranchuk gets in the spirit with her flashy nails, Red Shoes Rock!



Congratulations Hinton Employment and Learning Place on receiving the Town of Edson Community and Protective Services Transportation Grant helping clients with FASD who have transportation issues.



Wabasca/Desmarais Teddy Bear Fair



A big welcome to our newest In Reach partner Lakeview Recovery Centre. We are pleased to become their FASD Educators, Sharing Session co-facilitators, FASD clinicians and transition mentors.



Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Willow Winds Support Network casino in July at the Century Casino in St Albert. These funds go directly to supporting our mentors in the north.













We're excited to share highlights from some of our recent activities at **WJS Canada** in the Slave Lake region, including our **FASD Awareness BBQ**, participation in the **Parade of Programs**, and involvement in the **Teddy Bear Fair**. These events provided valuable opportunities to engage with our community and further our mission of raising awareness about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

Thank you to our contract agencies: WJS Slave Lake (North Zone), Hinton Employment and Learning Place (West Zone) and Healthy Families Healthy Futures (Central Zone) for going all out this year with the many many events you hosted and attended for FASD Awareness Day and month. We are so grateful at Willow Winds to have such passionate and motivated partners.

We will be hosting our annual retreat on October 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Star of the North in St Albert for staff and leadership. We will do our annual Strategic and Operational Planning and as we are focusing on best practice with immigrants and newcomers to Canada, we have three wonderful presentations lined up: Oliver from Immigrant Services Edmonton, Isolde Schmid from Catholic Social Services, Josephine Pallard from A Centre for Immigrant Women

We have collaborated again with the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts to be the official judges of our annual FASD Art Contest. We are hoping next year to have an art show in their gallery to display all the wonderful creativity of those we work with.





