FCSS Funding Application
Virtual Information Session
August 2025

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Quick Review - What is FCSS?**
   1. FCSS Act, Regulation and Framework
   2. Changes to FCSS Provincial Reporting

3. **Rocky View County FCSS Funding**
   1. Types of Funding Available
   2. Funding Process, Reporting Requirements and Timelines
   3. Rocky View County's Social Needs Assessment
   4. Rocky View County's FCSS Funding Framework

4. **New FCSS Funding Application**
   1. The "Why" – Understanding the Significance of Each Section
   2. The "What" – Understanding What to Write in Each Section
   3. The "How" – Completing Each Section

5. **Any Final Questions**

FCSS Act and Regulation

- Legislated Funding Agreement
- FCSS Act and Regulation
- 80/20 Funding Partnership
- Responsibilities and reporting
- Supports Volunteerism

FCSS Regulation

The FCSS Regulation states that services provided by a local FCSS Program **MUST**...

*"be of a **preventive** nature that enhances the **social well-being** of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity ."*

[Section 2.1 (1)(a)]

FCSS Regulation

FCSS Funded Program must **NOT**...

a) Provide primarily for the recreation needs or leisure time of individuals,

b) Offer direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family,

c) Be primarily rehabilitative in nature, or

d) Duplicate services that are ordinarily provided by a government or government agency. [Section 2.1 (2)]

FCSS Regulation

Expenditures of an FCSS Funded Program must **NOT** include...

a) The purchase of land or buildings,

b) The construction or renovation of a building,

c) The purchase of motor vehicles,

d) Any costs required to sustain an organization that do not relate to direct service delivery under the program. [Section 4]

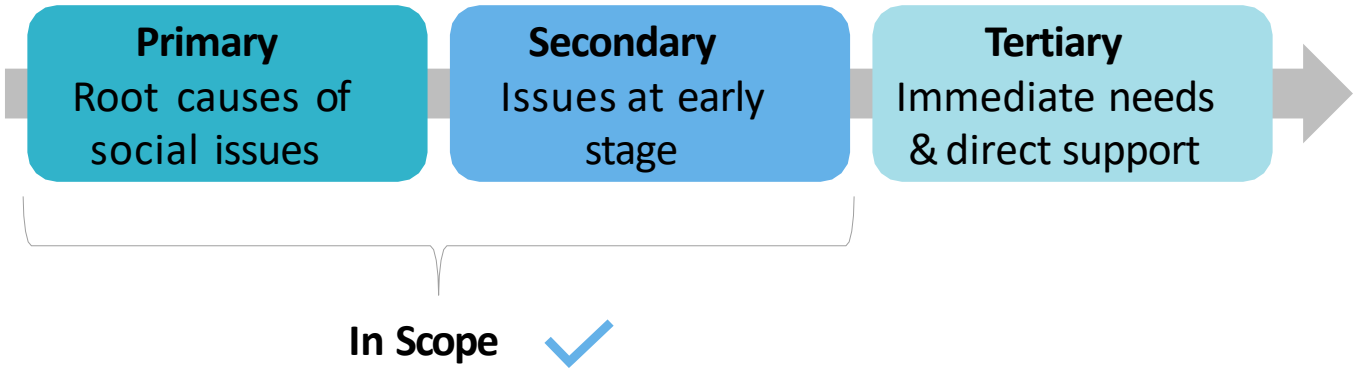
FCSS Framework

- 1 common definition of prevention
- 5 key Provincial Prevention Priorities (social priorities)
- 6 prevention strategies
- 5 objectives, which each have immediate, intermediate, and long-term outcomes
- 13 Key Performance Measures (KPMs)

FCSS Accountability Framework

A Common Definition of Prevention

> *"* ***Prevention*** *is a proactive process that strengthens the protective factors of individuals, families and communities to promote well-being, reduce vulnerabilities, enhance quality of life, and empowers them to meet the challenges of life.*



FCSS Accountability Framework

Provincial Prevention Priorities

Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

Mental Health and Addictions

Employment

Family and Sexual Violence

Aging Well in Community

Prevention Strategies & The FCSS Regulation

Prevention Strategies

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

FCSS Regulation Service Requirements

- Help people develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become resistant to crisis
- Help people to develop an awareness of social needs
- Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community
- Help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships
- Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions

FCSS Accountability Framework

Provincial Prevention Strategies

Things FCSS programs can do to **enhance protective factors**

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

Provincial Prevention Priorities

- Homelessness & Housing Insecurity
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Employment
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- Aging Well in the Community

Supports within FCSS scope ✓

Supports outside FCSS scope ✗

Primary
Root causes of social issues

Secondary
Issues at early stage

Tertiary
Provide immediate needs

Provincial Prevention Strategies

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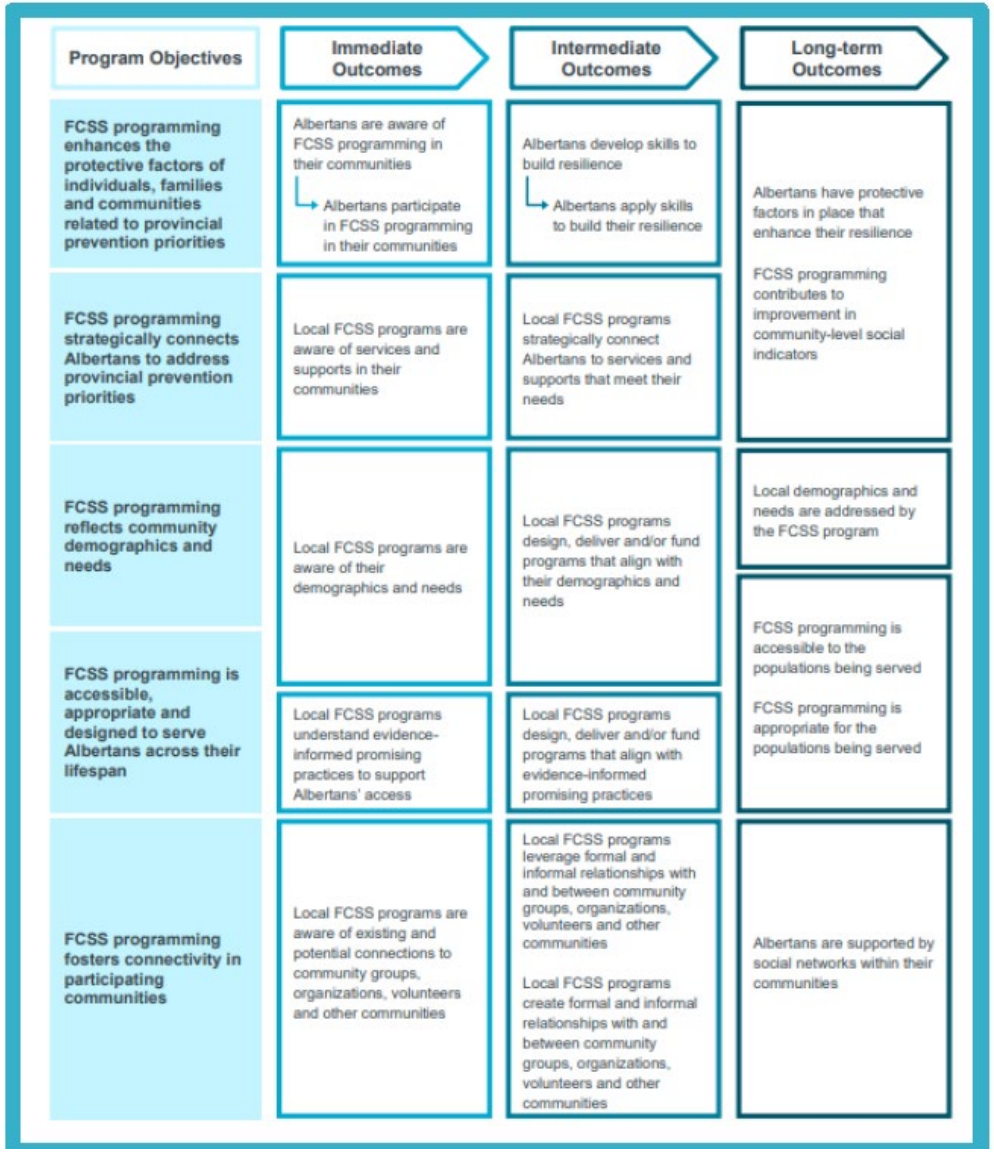
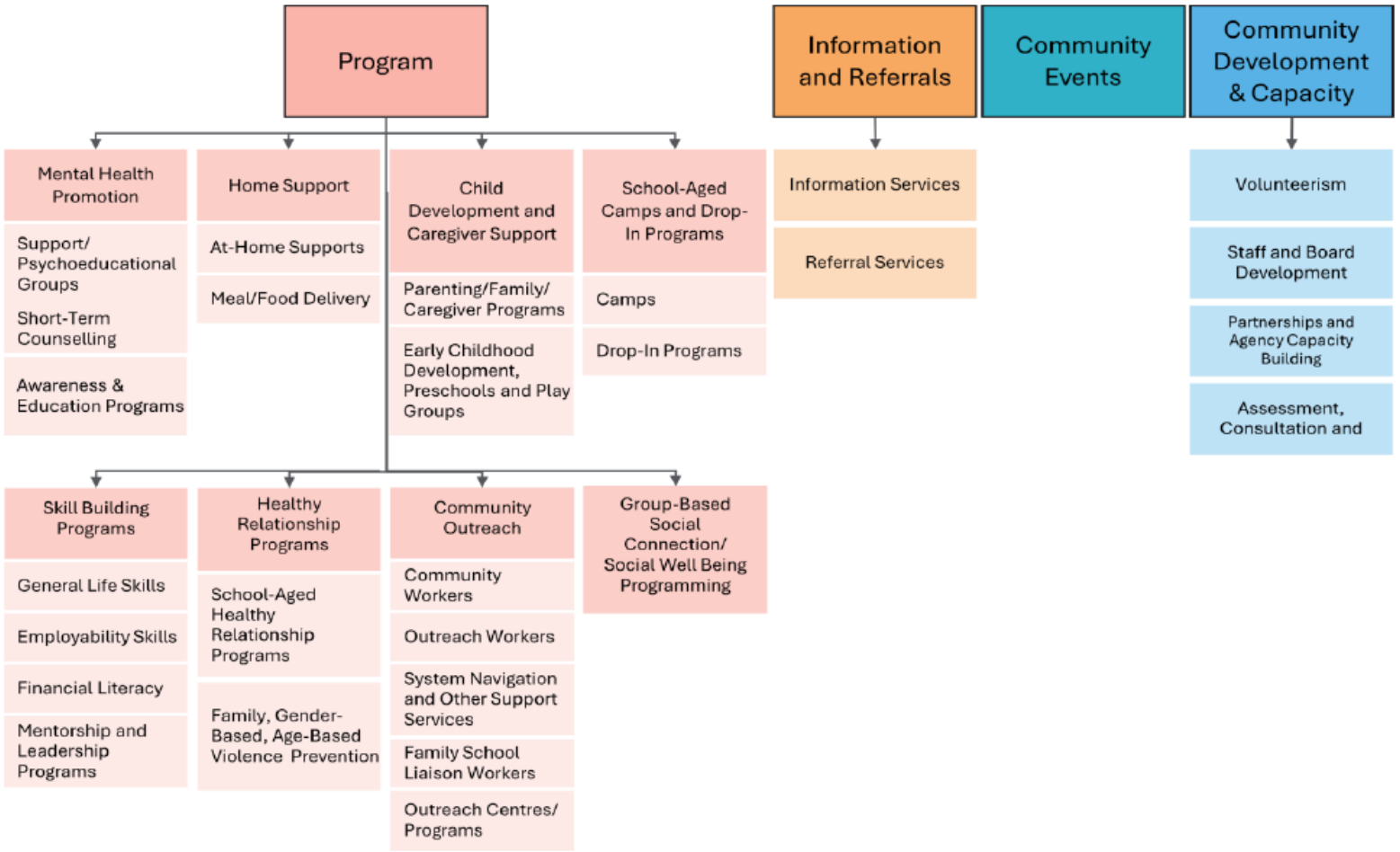
- Develop and strengthen skills that build resilience
- Enhance access to social support

FCSS Outcomes Model



Program Objectives	Immediate Outcomes	Intermediate Outcomes	Long-term Outcomes
FCSS programming enhances the protective factors of individuals, families and communities related to provincial prevention priorities	Albertans are aware of FCSS programming in their communities → Albertans participate in FCSS programming in their communities	Albertans develop skills to build resilience → Albertans apply skills to build their resilience	Albertans have protective factors in place that enhance their resilience FCSS programming contributes to improvement in community-level social indicators
FCSS programming strategically connects Albertans to address provincial prevention priorities	Local FCSS programs are aware of services and supports in their communities	Local FCSS programs strategically connect Albertans to services and supports that meet their needs	
FCSS programming reflects community demographics and needs	Local FCSS programs are aware of their demographics and needs	Local FCSS programs design, deliver and/or fund programs that align with their demographics and needs	Local demographics and needs are addressed by the FCSS program
FCSS programming is accessible, appropriate and designed to serve Albertans across their lifespan	Local FCSS programs understand evidence-informed promising practices to support Albertans' access	Local FCSS programs design, deliver and/or fund programs that align with evidence-informed promising practices	FCSS programming is accessible to the populations being served FCSS programming is appropriate for the populations being served
FCSS programming fosters connectivity in participating communities	Local FCSS programs are aware of existing and potential connections to community groups, organizations, volunteers and other communities	Local FCSS programs leverage formal and informal relationships with and between community groups, organizations, volunteers and other communities Local FCSS programs create formal and informal relationships with and between community groups, organizations, volunteers and other communities	Albertans are supported by social networks within their communities

Activity Categories & Descriptions



FCSS Rocky View County Funding Framework

FCSS Rocky View County Priorities

- Mental Health Supports
- Seniors Supports
- Child, Youth and Family Supports

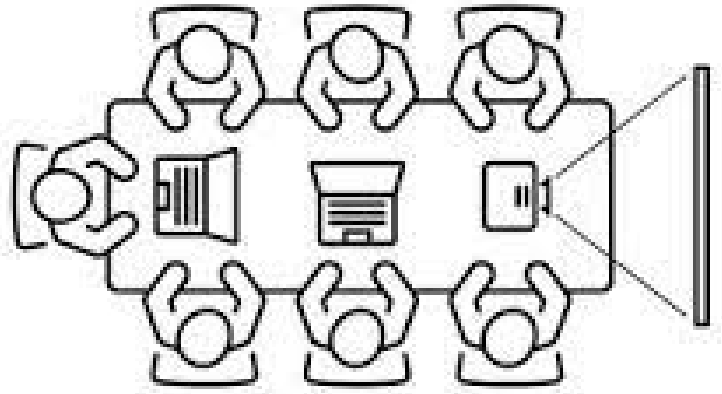
FCSS Rocky View County Approaches

- Community Connections
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Volunteerism

Rocky View County FCSS Board

7 Board members

- 2 Councillors
- 5 community members at large

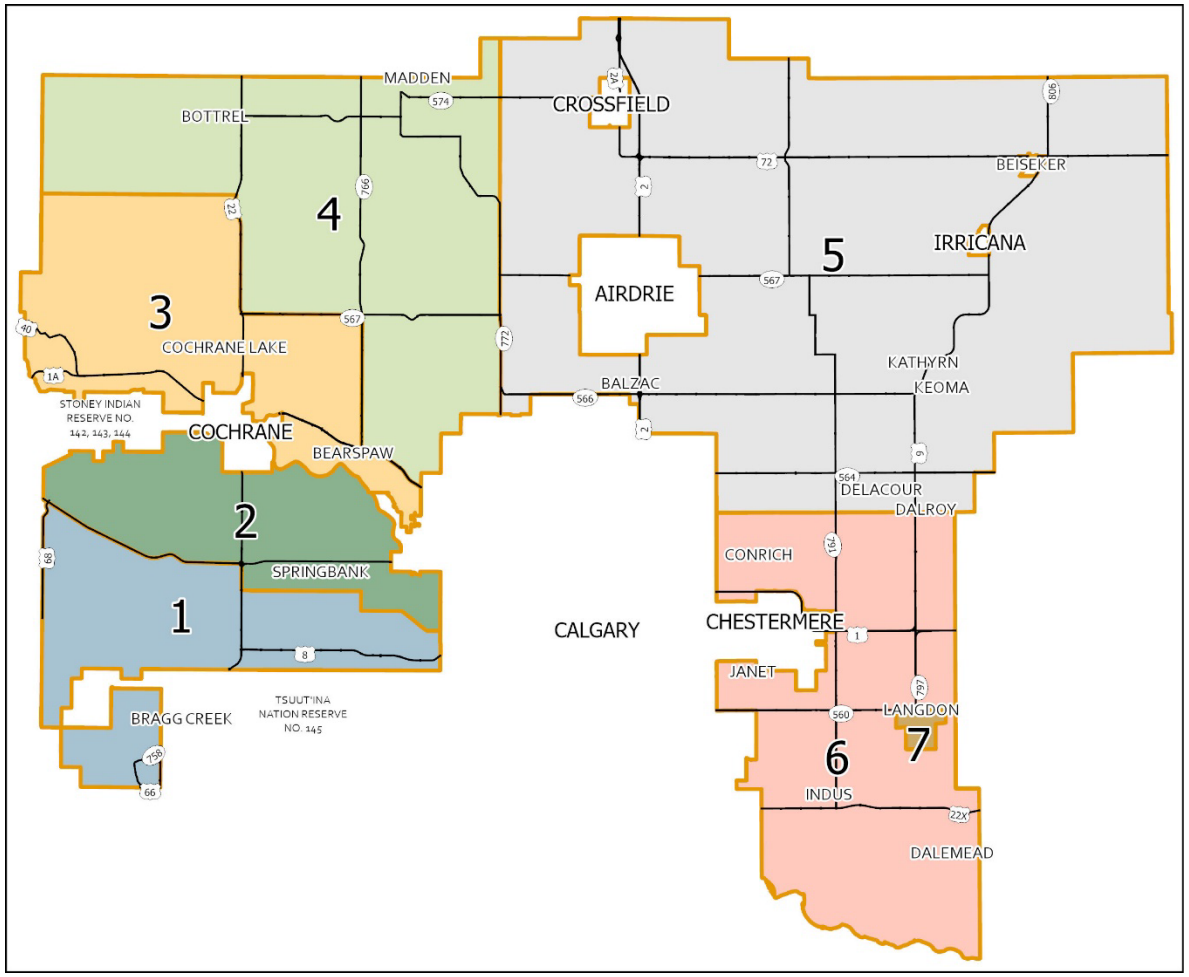


Types of FCSS Funding Available

Applications due Sept 18, 2025
Reports due January 30, 2026

Opening January 2026

Serving County Residents



- Seven divisions
- Population of the County is approximately 41,028
- Rocky View Schools are not 100% County residents
- Rocky View County Atlas

How is your agency/program tracking County residents served?

Rocky View County FCSS Funding Application

- The ”Why”
  - ✓Understanding the Significance of Each Section
- The “What”
  - ✓Understanding What to Write in Each Section
- The “How”
  - ✓Completing Each Section

FCSS programs will need to select an **age category** and **community group** for the activity categories of "community events" and "programs" for the **intended** or **primary** audience.

Age Categories

- All ages (no specific target)
- Children (<12)
- Youth (12-17)
- Children and Youth (<18)
- Adults (18+)
- Seniors, as defined by your program
- Child or Youth and Caregiver
- Child or Youth and Senior

Community Groups

- No specific community group
- Indigenous peoples
- 2SLGBTQQIA+ people
- Newcomers
- People with disabilities
- Racialized people
- Language minority groups
- Women/girls
- Men/boys

Count Based KPMs

	Key Performance Measure	How it is Measured
	Number of times **Albertans participated** in local FCSS programming	Count of participants or attendees
	Number of **referral services** provided by local FCSS programs	Count of referral interactions
	Number of **community partnerships** local FCSS programs have with other local FCSS programs, agencies and/or programs	Count of partnerships
	Number of **volunteers** who supported FCSS programs	Count of volunteers
	Number of **volunteer hours** reported by local FCSS programs	Count of volunteer hours

Surveys

- 3 KPMs through the surveys
  - Percentage of FCSS participants who expressed **satisfaction** with FCSS programs/services
  - Percentage of FCSS participants who report that FCSS programs/services were **easy to access**
  - Percentage of participants who reported **positive change** on measures associated with prevention strategies after participating in local FCSS programming
- Two mandatory survey questions for funded FCSS agencies/programs
- Other survey questions will depend on which category your program is in

Section 1

Key Performance Measure: Percentage of FCSS participants who expressed **satisfaction** with FCSS programs/services.

- **Objective 4:** FCSS Programming is accessible, appropriate, and designed to serve Albertans across the lifespan.

Programs that use Pre-Post surveys would only include this survey questions on Post surveys.

Survey Questions	Question #	Post-Only
	1	Overall, I am satisfied with this program/service.

Section 2

Key Performance Measure: Percentage of FCSS participants who report that FCSS programs/services were **easy to access.**

- **Objective 4:** FCSS Programming is accessible, appropriate, and designed to serve Albertans across the lifespan.

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Survey Questions	Question #	Post-Only
	2	Overall, I found this program/service easy to access.

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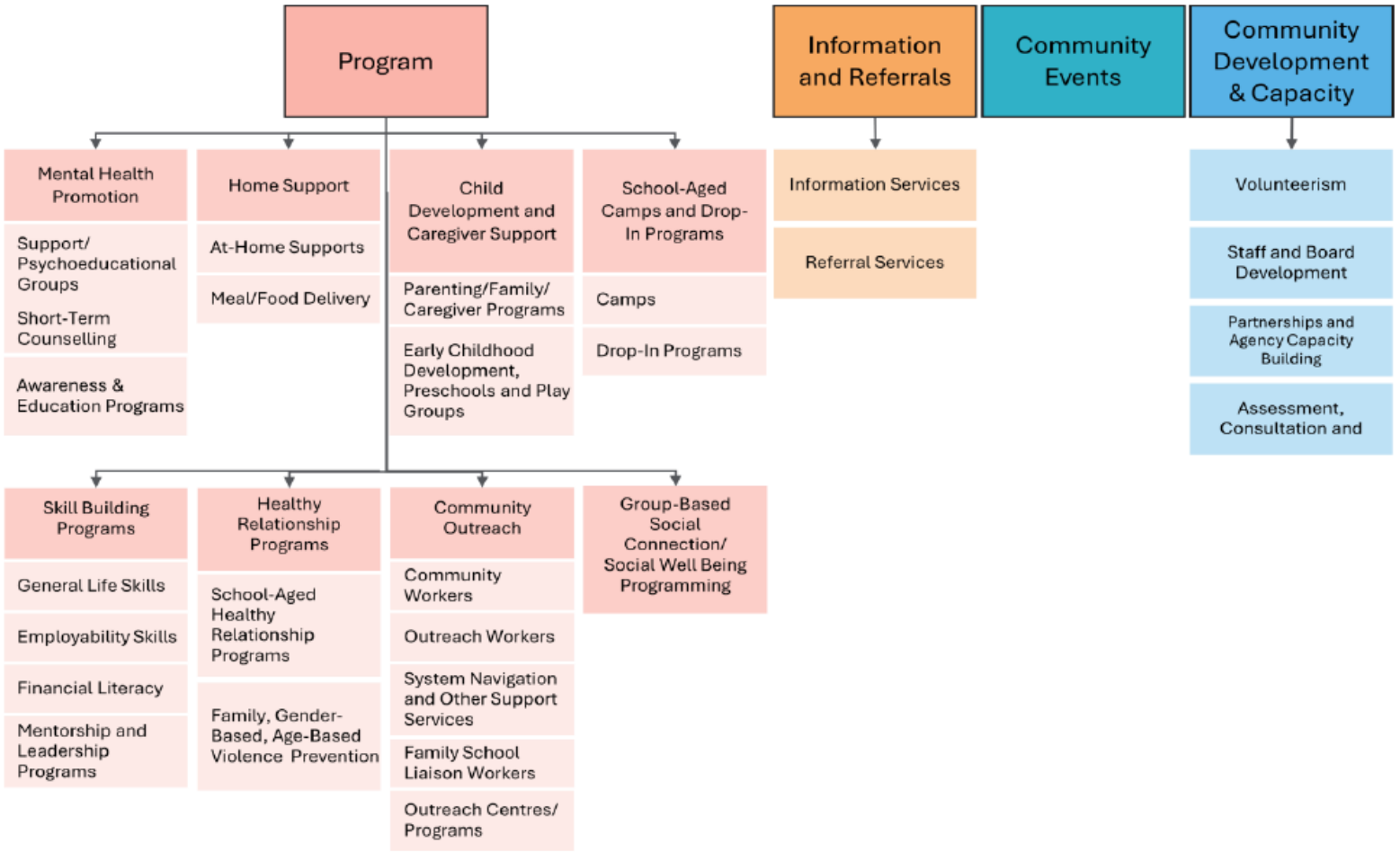

Sharing Impact Narratives

Impact Narrative: **documented outcomes and effects of a program or initiative, showcasing its achievement and contributions at various levels.**

- Option to provide impact narrative for each of the four activity categories
- Open-text fields with character limits
- Reporting impact narratives is **OPTIONAL**

Next Steps

- General (Large and Small) Applications
  - Deadline: September 18, 2025
- New FCSS Outcomes and Survey Training (full day)
  - Monday, January 19, 2026 at County Hall
- Special Project Applications
  - Open January 2026
- All 2026 reports
  - Deadline: January 29, 2027

Year End Final Reporting

- New outcomes training (mandatory)
  - Monday, January 19th 2026
- Data and surveys still required
- Report will be due end of January 2027

Important Links and Documents

FCSS Act

FCSS Regulation

FCSS Accountability Framework

Rocky View County FCSS Funding

RVC Atlas Map

Questions and Comments

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