

# NORTHWEST CENTRAL FASD NETWORK 2019, A YEAR IN REVIEW

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We introduce our revised reporting structure which will include three quarterly reports with a year in review at the end. Our debut will be a list of highlights from the 2019 year.

NWCFASD Network has seen many changes this past year including the expansion of a

program the Network previously created, a new contract partnership, advanced training opportunities for staff and Leadership, office relocation and changes to the Board of Directors.

Network and Health Family staff pictured right.



Thank you to the Status of Women Canada (\$50,000) and the Edmonton Community Foundation (\$40,000) for their generous grant contributions to the Network's very own In Reach project which supports incarcerated individuals suspected and diagnosed with FASD. This has allowed us to expand from 3 to 5 Edmonton facilities and include in facility FASD assessment and diagnostics.

The Network and Leadership retreat at Lily Lake Resort on October 25, 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> culminated in the training for, by the Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism, and the Status of Women, and development of a **NWCFASD Network Three Year Strategic and Operational Plan** to be released in early 2020.

**Board of Directors** – We say a fond farewell and a heart felt thank you to outgoing board members Janet Ross, Danielle Nahamko and Bianca Hannula. We gratefully welcome new members Zany Aitken, Jenna Jackson and Candace Pambrun. The 2019/2020 year will see Vernice Aitken as Chair, Roderick Freeman as Co Chair, Tracy Mastrangelo as Treasurer and Sheila Osborn as Secretary.

# ENTIRE NWCASD NETWORK REGION COVERED

The largest of the 12 Networks now has complete service coverage

We can boast that between NWCASD Network staff and those of our contract partners, WJS Slave Lake in our North Zone, our new partner, Blue Heron, in our West Zone, and Healthy Families Healthy Futures, in our Central Zone, we now provide all of our programs across our entire region; a feat not before achieved in our 12 year history. This includes the 6 First Nation's communities within our region, as well as providing supports to communities that lie just outside our regional boundaries: Driftpile First Nation, Paul Band First Nation and Atikameg First Nation.

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## Wonderful Partners

### First Ever Indigenous FASD Conference



Members of ANSN and Paul Band

### Parent and Child Assistance Program

#### PCAP

In order to provide all of our programs across our entire region we have utilized the cross training of Network and contract staff. This is an extremely effective and cost efficient way to provide valuable and much needed services in rural and remote vicinities. The staff truly become the FASD experts in their locales and can provide all the Network programming we have to offer. We will be training all frontline staff to provide PCAP mentoring to qualifying women of childbearing years ensuring this well respected, outcome and evidenced base form of mentorship will be available to all clientele across the Network region regardless of where they live within or boundaries.

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We were so honored and proud to partner with Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, ANSN, as they hosted the first ever Indigenous FASD Conference on May 7 and 8 in their beautiful community located on Lac St Anne. Due to its overwhelming success another Indigenous FASD conference is scheduled for spring of 2020. Please watch for dates in our spring newsletter.

A BIG thank you to Pembina Pipeline for their financial contribution of the Network's FASD Awareness and Education for Indigenous Youth in our Northern Zone, implemented by our wonderful contract partners at WJS Slave Lake.

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