## NOTHWEST CENTRAL FASD NETWORK

#### Quarterly Newsletter April, May & June 2020

NWCFASD Network has creatively utilised the opportunities presented to us due to Covid. We have become experts in ZOOM meetings and our resilient clients have adapted to digital support. We have increased our training as time and funds were made available. We've redirected travel expense funds to purchase phone minute cards to smoothly transition and support our mentorship of clients. We have also increased the use of digital platforms to assess and diagnose children, youth and adults in our clinic and plan to continue this.



In 2020/2021 we will focus on Cultural Sensitivity and Indigenous Knowledge. We welcome Roderick Freeman, Gilly Alook, his partner Dianna Watson, and Jordan Reves as our Knowledge Keepers who will be guiding us on this journey (pictured L to R next page). )Beginning in September and ending with a ceremony in late Spring of 2021, we will be meeting three times each month to cover a variety of themes including but not limited to: traditions, history, language, healing arts, ceremonies...

We graciously welcome Hinton Friendship Centre, Swan Hills FCSS, Barrhead FCSS and Thorhild FCSS to the NWCFASD Network Team. These organizations had contracts with the Ministry of Children's Services to provide FASD awareness and supports. Those contracts have been moved over to our Network and we are very happy to expand our team with these wonderful people.



# NWCFASD held its 2020 Annual General Meeting via ZOOM on June 5 with 35 participants.

#### **NWCFASD** Response to Covid

As statistics show an increase of alcohol and cannabis purchases and consumption during Covid NWCFASD has revved up their FASD Prevention Message by continually supplying all participating venues with our brochures. We have purchased 5000 condoms with our logo and website and are making them available at all outlets willing to carry them.

"NO SAFE KIND, NO SAFE TIME, NO SAFE AMOUNT" (The Prevention Conversation)



### We Couldn't Do It Without Our Generous Funders

## Woodlands County FCSS **\$5000.00**

Slave Lake FCSS \$5500.00

Edmonton Community Foundation **\$50,000** 

Barrhead FCSS \$4635.00





From everyone at the NWCFASD Network Team have a wonderful summer and please stay safe by following protocols outlined by Alberta Health Services for Covid. Social Distancing, Sanitize or wash hands with soap for 20 seconds often. Don't Touch Your Face. Self Isolate if you have symptoms. Thank You

