



Creating a Foundation for FASD Diagnostic Capacity PROJECT OUTLINE

Contract term 3 years (Possible start Jan.30th, 2012) End date – March 31st, 2014
(Extensions may be available)

The Northwest Alberta FASD Service Network is one of 12 Network's created in the province. The Northwest Alberta FASD Network applies solely to the FASD-CMC for grant funding on a yearly basis and is not a Network that solicits for further funds. The Network uses the provincial funding to improve and enhance FASD services in the Network catchment area (Northwest Alberta).

In this pilot project, the Network plans to enhance services and increase access **to FASD assessment and diagnostic services for rural clients within the Network Catchment area (see appendix 1)**. Utilizing this grant from Alberta Health and Wellness, for a three year term would allow the Northwest FASD Network to pilot and evaluate a **Mobile FASD Diagnostic Clinic model** in our Northwest area.

At this time, the Northwest FASD Network would endeavor to contract services with an Individual who will act as the **Project Manager** in assembling the multidisciplinary mobile FASD Assessment and Diagnostic Team. This would include ensuring training; best practices and the administration portion of the clinic (including privacy legislation requirements) would be in place for this mobile clinic. This Individual may or may not be the Diagnostic Coordinator.

In year **one**, this Project Manager will have the team assembled, completion of training, administrative and privacy requirements completed as well as clinic locations identified as pilot area by the Network.

In year **two**, the Mobile clinic will commence the FASD Assessment and Diagnostic clinics across the Network and begin to assess Clients.

In year **three**, of the project clinic will provide an evaluation of the services, over the past year, to allow the Northwest FASD Leadership team to evaluate this Mobile clinic in regards to accessibility, cost per assessment and sustainability.

Reporting / Administration

The Northwest FASD Service Network is responsible for providing reports on progress towards achieving outputs and outcomes on a quarterly and annual basis.

The City of Grande Prairie, Community Social Development has an agreement to provide administrative Lead services on behalf of the Northwest Network Leadership Team. The proponent program coordinator/ manager will be responsible for providing scheduled status reports to the Network Administrative Lead or Network Coordinator.

Financial Allotments Total: budget \$150, 000, over three year term with possibility of more funding within these years and in future.

Contractor:

- Contractor must have WCB, 2 million dollar liability insurance and be registered as a Business.
- Contractor must be based out of Grande Prairie or be prepared to spend 50% of time within access to the city.



Assessment & Diagnosis Service Pillar

The Network will provide access to FASD assessment and diagnosis services for all ages across the Network Catchment Area.

FASD professional assessments will develop strength-based recommendations which will be highlighted in a diagnostic report for individuals. The Diagnostic Coordinator will review this report with the individual, their family/caregiver and provide copies of the report to parties as requested by the individual or their guardian (such as to the individual's physician, the individual's school).

Recommendations captured in the diagnostic report will be utilized to assist the individual and/or their caregivers in understanding the individual's strengths and needs, identify areas that would require further assessment or professional intervention and areas where FASD supports and services would be of benefit. The diagnostic coordinator will then make referrals on behalf of the individual or their family/caregiver or provide information required to allow the individual or family/caregiver to gain access to the best suited services and supports.

To improving coordination of services the Diagnostic Coordinator will also act as a case manager for the client to ensure that the recommendations from the Diagnostic Report are implemented and to follow-up with the family in 2-3 months to ensure the full value of the service was realized.

For more information about this project and the Northwest FASD Network
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Appendix A

