

Community Lives Here

October 2017

Thank you for your interest in the Jasper Community Team!

Here are a few points that will help you make sense of the following pages:

- **The Jasper Community Team (JCT)** was first established in 1996.
- Members of the Jasper Community Team come together to support people in the community through collaboration, pooling resources and integrating human services.
- **The Friends of the Jasper Community Team** is a registered non-profit society that seeks funding to support the collaborative work and programs of the JCT.
- **Community Outreach Services (COS)** is the flagship program of the JCT. COS offers free, confidential, non-judgmental support and referral as well as community programming for all ages in Jasper. Located at 627 Patricia St., open M-F, 9-5pm, an Outreach Worker is available to assist with problem solving, goal setting and referral with engagement to other programs and services in the community. It's a one-stop-shop worth knowing about!
- **Collaborative Action Teams (CATs)** are organized around life-stage. There are four: Early Childhood CAT, School-Age CAT, Adult CAT and Senior CAT. Here, people gather to discuss issues and trends the community is facing.
- People who participate in the CATs can also participate in the JCT.
- **The Municipality of Jasper (MOJ)** supports the work of the JCT: The MOJ provides funding for the Community Development Specialist position to support the collaborative work of the CATs and JCT and also provides support to the COS program.

THANK YOU for taking part in these conversations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

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Collaborative Action Teams (CATs) exist to **optimize** community collaboration. Together, participants identify issues, trends and **opportunities** affecting each age group at the service delivery level. Participants **problem solve**, share resources and provide mutual support.



Early Childhood CAT

The Early Childhood CAT gathers monthly. During the past three months, the group met once in September.

Trend identified: the growing wait list to get into Wildflowers Childcare (now 64 families long, 34 of whom are requesting care for infants 12-18 months of age).

The group concluded that before problem solving around this situation, it would be ideal to have more information about the families on that list.

ACTION: The group will be working together to develop a survey that will be sent to families on the wait list in hopes of learning more about their situation. The idea being that with further clarification, the group will be able to problem solve more effectively in November.

Issue identified: professionals are seeing parents who are stressed out about meal times with their young children. Parents are reporting not knowing what approach to take with regards to eating habits.

ACTION: There will be a free presentation for families in October lead by the local dietician with Alberta Health Services. The session will focus on introducing solid foods. The session hopes to encourage children to develop healthy relationships with food and eating.

School-Age CAT

The School- CAT gathers monthly. During the past three months, the group met once in September.

Trend identified: Access to recreation changes in grade 7. The group discussed how students in the elementary school receive complimentary passes to the aquatic centre. Once they reach grade 7, the cost to access the pool goes up significantly. The group wondered how that reduced access to a healthy recreational activity might impact how teens choose to spend their spare time.

ACTION: The group will be gathering again to discuss alternatives that benefit all school-age children and teens.

Issue identified: The Brain Boost program funding seems to have halted.

ACTION: COS will follow up to confirm that the funding has, indeed, come to an end. COS will seek private donations to assist in keeping brain boost afloat. The group will also approach GYPSD about contributing money towards the program.



Information from the Collaborative Action Team sessions is shared with the Jasper Community Team to keep the conversation going.

Individuals who attend the Collaborative Action Team sessions are also welcome to attend the Jasper Community Team meetings.



Adult CAT

The Adult CAT gathers monthly. During the past three months, the group met once in September.

Gap identified: young adults in the community are looking for things to engage in outside of work or the pub. Adults in the community, particularly those relatively new to Jasper, are not always aware of recreation opportunities.

ACTION: The group will be working together to support a winter welcome event set to take place in November. Longer term, the group wishes to gauge the level of interest other community players have in organizing a recreation and resource fair. This would take place in the fall of 2018 for all ages in the community.

Senior CAT

The Senior CAT gathers monthly. During the past three months, the group met once in September.

Issue identified: The ongoing difficulty for an aging executive of the Seniors Society in managing the Seniors Bus. The Seniors Bus committee will be halting its efforts to continue this program and hope that another group will take it on.

ACTION: A member of the Seniors Society attended the open house report for public input on September 21 to ensure the Seniors Bus is taken into account in the MOJ Transportation Master Plan.

Issue identified: accessibility continues to be a challenge in the community.

ACTION: The senior CAT decided to gather information about areas of the community that need improvement. The CAT will discuss this further at the October session.




Join the conversation!

Wednesday, October 18, 11-12:30pm, Adult CAT

Wednesday, October 18, 1-2:30pm, Senior CAT

For a list of all upcoming CATs, visit the Municipality of Jasper's website

<http://www.jasper-alberta.com/2443/Collaborative-Action-Teams>



The Jasper Community Team gains insight from the issues and trends identified at the CAT and JCT level. Conversations at the CAT and JCT are the driving force behind programs you see around you in the community.



Coordinated Community Response - Elder Abuse

- 15 interviews were conducted with local service providers and community stakeholders including: banks, hospital, COS, Alpine Summit, AHS, RCMP, Law offices and Victim Services Unit. Service providers were asked to share their perspective on elder abuse, to identify gaps in service and share ideas on how services could be improved. Work will continue to address concerns now documented via these interviews.
- 20 service providers participated in an elder abuse prevention workshop on September 28. The workshop was delivered by *Alberta Seniors and Housing*.
- The JCT has received a second round of funding (\$30,000) from *Alberta Seniors and Housing* to continue building its coordinated community response to elder abuse.
- The Seniors CAT is serving as Jasper's Taking Action Against Elder Abuse coalition.
- A presentation for seniors on recognizing and responding to elder abuse is being planned.

Small Acts Matter Campaign

- 50 messages have been compiled, including research to support each one. 12 have been selected as the initial messages to be used in the campaign.
- Small Acts messages will be shared through social media to the community.
- Stickers featuring the logo and a hashtag/username will be used to direct people to social media.
- The community will be engaged through an invitation to submit a photo they think represents a small act (smiling at a baby, helping someone across a street, shovelling a sidewalk etc.).

Community Dinners

- 2017 survey data was compiled and reviewed in order to prepare for the 2018 season.
- A three-page volunteer manual was created in order to streamline communication.
- Volunteer groups from 2017 will be contacted to assess levels of interest in partaking in the 2018 season.

Local Immigration Partnership

- 25 long-form household surveys were conducted with immigrant and refugee families in Jasper. Data collected in these and subsequent interviews will be compiled into a research report identifying struggles immigrants and refugees encounter in the process of settlement and integration into the Jasper community.
- The Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator has compiled Terms of Reference from established LIPs in communities across Canada to be referenced when establishing a LIP Council for Jasper.
- The LIP Coordinator secured an upward budget amendment from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada that will help ensure the viability of the project.

**Do you know someone else who might be interested in taking part?
Invite them to come along! The more perspectives, the better.**

Wilderness Access Program

- Adaptive recreational equipment and a WAP information booth was on display at the Jasper Gran Fondo bike race , Parks Day and the Movie in the Park this past summer.
- The WAP organized volunteers for the Jasper Gran Fondo bike race as a fundraiser.
- On August 21, the TrailRider was used on the Sulphur Skyline trail. The hike was featured in the *Jasper Local* and provided an opportunity for JCT volunteers to familiarize themselves with the TrailRider.
- A promotional video is in the process of being developed using footage obtained on the Sulphur Skyline hike. Over the winter months, another video is planned to feature the Sit-Ski.

Positive Community Norms

- Survey data about substance use and mental health was gathered in May/June.
- The first round of surveys gathered information from 192 students, grades 7-12, attending JSHS or Ecole Desrochers. These surveys gathered data on vaping, alcohol consumption, marijuana, prescription drugs and mental health. Results will be featured on posters throughout the local high schools. Poster input was gained in a focus group with local teens. Imagery will feature local teens and photography by local teens.
- Young adults were interviewed on the streets of Jasper and online. 272 young adults participated, sharing information about prescription drugs, alcohol consumption, mental health, cocaine and fentanyl. The data was translated into four posters that were on display around town and at JPL. Follow up surveys were conducted in order to assess the efficacy of the campaign.

Early Childhood Development Children's Book Project

- An interactive book for parents and their preschool age children (3-5 years) is being developed with funding from the *Early Childhood Development Initiative* of the provincial FCSS (FCSSAA).
- The book came about as a result of the Early Childhood CAT which identified the need for an alternative to electronic devices to keep young children occupied in places where they wait with their parents for example: doctor's offices, appointments or restaurants etc.
- Liz Olsen has developed the story line and local artist, Rico, is creating the illustrations, using her one-line drawing technique.
- The book will include a story, illustrations, activities and a map of places for parents to take small children in Jasper, all incorporating the five developmental domains required for healthy early child development.

Diversity Project

- The Diversity Project book, initially designed and printed using Picaboo, will be printed using a different company that prints in bulk so the book can be more broadly distributed.
- Quotes and options from several companies are currently being considered.
- More photos for the diversity project were captured during COS' *Movie in the Park* event. These will be featured in a new book and in future project initiatives including for display around the community.

**THANK
YOU**
For taking part!

Jasper is a supportive, inclusive and engaging community. Members of the Jasper Community Team come together to support people in the community through collaboration, pooling resources and integrating human services.



COS

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
SERVICES

Community Outreach Services offers confidential, non-judgmental one-on-one support to people of all ages.

A key to COS' success is its comprehensive, accessible and inclusive nature. It is a one-stop shop where anyone can drop in to see an Outreach Worker for support, referrals, resources and to connect with community programs.

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2017 HIGHLIGHTS

April 1 - Sept. 30

What Happens When You Press Send?

On April 27 and 28, COS partnered with the Saffron Centre to provide numerous presentations about safe Internet use for children. A presentation in the Parent Link Centre was targeted specifically to parents of preschool children, while presentations in the schools were targeted at the students and an evening presentation at the Jasper Legion was for parents of school-age kids.

Breaking the Boy Code

On May 17, Middle Childhood Outreach Worker Carla Gallop hosted I.Am.Heart, an organization that offers programs and presentations designed to teach boys how to identify, accept and express their full range of emotions. Lance Drozda came to Jasper and presented in the school, as well as in the evening to parents at the Jasper Legion. The goal of the evening presentation was to give parents tools to support their boys in expressing their emotions and experiencing healthier and safer relationships with their families, friends, peers and with the world around them.

Movie in the Park

On Sept. 9, more than 200 community members came to the Jasper Curling Rink to enjoy family friendly crafts, dinosaur digs, face painting, an interactive play and a screening of Jurassic Park. The free event was organized by COS with the help of donations from numerous community businesses and organizations. Of the 55 attendees who completed COS' survey, 44 have lived in Jasper for three or more years and 53 said they would like to see the Movie in the Park become an annual event.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

COS ALSO HOUSES THE PARENT LINK CENTRE, WHICH IS RUN BY THE EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTREACH WORKERS. THE CENTRE PROVIDES NEW PARENTS WITH A PLACE TO CONNECT WITH THEIR PEERS, ACCESS RESOURCES & SUPPORTS.

MIDDLE CHILDHOOD

THE MIDDLE CHILDHOOD OUTREACH WORKER PROVIDES PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS TO KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ECOLE DESROCHERS.

YOUTH & TEENS

THE YOUTH AND TEEN OUTREACH WORKER PROVIDES PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS TO GRADE 7-12 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND ECOLE DESROCHERS.

YOUNG ADULTS

THE YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH WORKER PROVIDES PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS TO YOUNG ADULTS 18 TO 34 YEARS OLD, WORKING CLOSELY WITH BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE NEW STAFF WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO MAKE JASPER HOME.

ADULTS & SENIORS

THE ADULT OUTREACH WORKER PROVIDES PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTS TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 35 AND UP AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE SENIORS HOMES AND SENIORS SOCIETY.

Parent Link at the Farmer's Market

For the first time, Parent Link set up a table at the weekly Farmer's Market in 2017, each week offering opportunities for children to make crafts out of recycled materials. Each week the program saw dozens of children flock to the picnic table to find out what craft was in store for them that week. They made creatures out of toilet paper rolls and egg cartons and decorations out of yarn and popsicle sticks.

Kids Adventures of the School-Year

After the School-Age CAT identified that nine- to 12-year-old children often spend long periods of time unsupervised in the summer months, COS spearheaded a new program called KAOS, offering opportunities for kids to connect with their peers, learn skills and participate in activities during the summer. After a successful season, KAOS was extended to offer kids activities on non-school days.

Hot Topics

Teen Outreach Worker Anna DeClercq noticed that teens were talking about hot topic issues during Twisted Tuesday activities and saw the opportunity to create a program where teens can engage with professionals and connect to community resources in a comfortable environment, while getting their questions answered.

Summer Welcome Event

The 2017 Annual Jasper Welcome Event was held at the Jasper Legion in May attracting more than 200 participants. Fifteen service providers collaborated to welcome new Jasperites. Participants visited booths to learn about ways they can get involved in the community. They enjoyed a free dinner and prizes, including many generously donated by local businesses.

Seniors Week Wine & Cheese

After conferring with some of the community's seniors, the Adult Outreach Worker decided to host a kick off to Seniors Week. The event preceded the commemorative week, as the seniors felt there are already a large number of events taking place during those seven days. The event attracted 40 local seniors to Community Outreach Services, where they shared a glass of wine and snacks while socializing with their friends and neighbours.