

Vermilion and Area Interagency

June 2021

**Next Interagency Meeting:
Thurs. Sept. 9**

Online format, watch for further details by email.

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Canada Day Celebration in Vermilion (hosted by Town of Vermilion)

- On **Wednesday, June 30** a drive-in movie (Raya and the Last Dragon) will be held at the Lakeland College football field. Parking starts at 9:15 p.m. and the movie starts at 10:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Fireworks will start at midnight. Washrooms will be available onsite along with some treats to purchase. There is no cost for the movie. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the set-up etc., contact Kevin Lucas, Director of Community Services at 780.581.2406 or email klucas@vermilion.ca.



- The **Splash Park is open** in the Vermilion Provincial Park! A cool spot for families with young children to play outdoors at no cost.



VIBE (Vermilion Is Being Empowered)

Pat Calyniuk, VIBE Wellness Manager 780.853.3718

Email pat.calyniuk@btps.ca

- Virtual Summer Programming for July 5 – August 21st in partnership with WOW. For preschool at 9:00 am, Grades 1-3 at 10:00 am, for Grades 4-6 at 11:00 am Contact Haley Newman at haley.newman@ecacs16.ab.ca to register and get the zoom link. Reminders will be sent to all registrants.
- Crack the Code (July 5 – August 21st) – An online escape room. Each week a “crack the code” sign with a QR code will be set-up in the Vermilion Heritage Park (located next to the Senior Centre) and Wallace Park in Wainwright. Play along and answer three questions and three games related to each weeks mental health theme.
- In-person drop-in Summer Programming (all ages welcome) – Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Vermilion Heritage Park. Thursdays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm crafts at the Vermilion Splash Park (Provincial Park), weather and Splash Park permitting.
- Additional Activities – Open Pizza Oven June 30 to August 18th at Vermilion Heritage Park on Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Outdoor games and activities available most evenings. Bring your own thawed thin crust pizza and knife to cut pizza, drinks, napkins, and plates and utensils.
- Move Your Mood – Free 5 day program for August 16-20th from 9:30 – 11:30 am, open for youth going into Grade 4 to youth leaving Grade 6. Learn fun ways to move your body, fuel your body, and expand your mind, and practice mindfulness. Pre-registration is required by emailing pat.calyniuk@btps.ca.
- VIBE Teen Week (Grade 7 and up) August 23-26 – Get details on VIBE face book.
- Geocaching (treasure hunting) – Runs in July only and participants can play at anytime. Must download an app to find the location or go to the Vermilion Library and sign out a geocache unit. All of VIBE’s geocache are in containers. Contact VIBE to get the coordinates for the 5 geocache locations. Vermilion has many geocaches that you can find if you have the geocache app.
- Family Grab and Go Bags – Parents/guardians can pick up a Grab and Go Bag and visit locations in multiple areas in the nearby communities. Multiple dates in July and August with activities at each of the locations.
- Walk and Talk Signs will be posted in multiple locations during July and August which encourage conversations about various topics as you go for a walk. Contact VIBE for more details on dates and locations.
- Family Challenges (4) throughout the summer months with activities your family can participate in and submit a photo of your family doing the challenge (text or email).
- QR Scavenger Hunts (4) during the summer, see VIBE face book for first code and clue. One prize per week.
- Multiple partners have contributed to VIBE Summer Programming.



Vermilion Public Library 780.853.4288

www.vermilionpubliclibrary.ca

Sheila Heit, Programs Coordinator

Email programs@vermilionpubliclibrary.ca

- Library Hours now are Monday to Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. The Library follows Covid-19 guidelines from the Government of Alberta.
- The Library has a great collection of board games to borrow! See details <https://www.vplibrary.ca/games>
- Summer Reading Program starts July 5th. Online registration <https://www.vplibrary.ca/srp>. Read 500 Minutes and win prizes. Summer Kits to pick-up July 5th. July colouring contest with prizes. August Lego Contest with prizes. Family story times at Vermilion Heritage Park (by Senior Centre). Partner programs for outside learning activities at the Vermilion Provincial Park and the Vermilion Heritage Park.
- Keep up to date by following face book page: fb.com/vermilionpl or by checking website: vplibrary.ca



Town of Vermilion Community Services - Parks, Recreation, Arts & Culture

Kevin Lucas, Director 780.581.2406 Email klucas@vermilion.ca

- Canada Day Celebration in Vermilion will include a drive-in movie at the Lakeland College football field. Parking starts at 9:15 p.m. and the movie starts at 10:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Fireworks will be at midnight. Washrooms will be available onsite along with some treats to purchase.
- Summer Fun Programming is back in action July 5 to August 27 for ages 5-11. Space is limited for eight weeks of summer fun outdoor activities, themed days, and crafts. Join the Summer Fun face book group called “Vermilion’s Summer Fun 2021”. Send your questions to sstudent@vermilion.ca or call Haley Hendriks at 780.853.5358 or 1.639.536.0110.
- Think Ice Plant Project - Many thanks for the recent donations for the Stadium Ice Plant renovations received from Cornerstone Co-op Community Spaces program (\$80,000.00) and from Rotary Club of Vermilion (\$55,000.00). The new Ice Plant will be ready for the fall season.

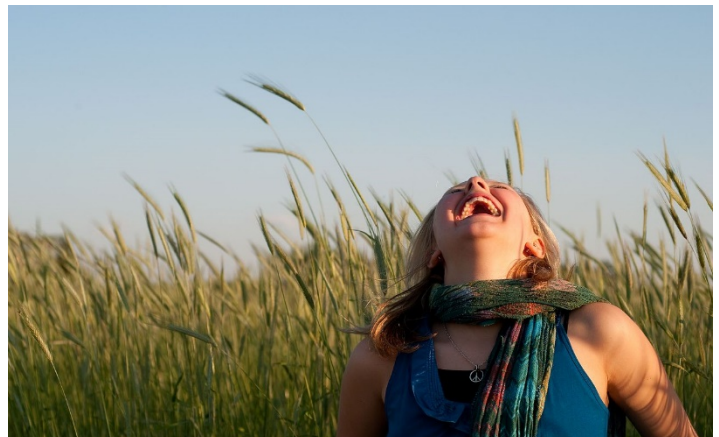


Midwest Family Connections (MFC), Lloydminster and area

Becky Walker, Family Engagement Coordinator 306.825.5911

Email: becky@midwestfamilyconnections.ca

- Park Programs - Holding park programs in Vermilion & Kitscoty. One session in each community for both the months of July & August.
- Lloydminster Park programs
- Coffee Talk for Parents of Teens – An opportunity to connect with one of our staff to discuss topics of concern and/or get information on developmental relationships, the teenage brain, positive parenting strategies for a variety of topics and information on community resources – offered over the phone or through ZOOM
- The Baby Bunch – Stroller Walks in Lloydminster Bud Miller Park
- Mothers First – One to one sessions for new mothers. Information and support focuses on the experiences and needs of new mothers who may be experiencing or concerned about anxiety, stress or Post Partum Depression – offered in-person at MFC or through ZOOM
- Parenting tips and activities being posted on our Face book and Instagram pages, along with information videos of the different Parent Education curriculums we offer.
- MFC continues to support families through phone calls, emails and ZOOM in the Early Childhood Intervention, Preschool Mental Health, Parent Child Assistance Program, Home Visitation and Family Coaching & Mentorship programs. Some programs allow for outdoor visits and we will continue to move to in-home visits as provincial health protocols and funders allow.



Catholic Social Services – Lloydminster Office 780.875.9084 www.cssalberta.ca

Todd MacIntyre, Counsellor

Email todd.macintyre@cssalberta.ca

- Counselling for people of all faiths and cultures. Vermilion residents receive five free visits (covered by Town of Vermilion FCSS), thereafter a sliding fee scale is used based on family income levels. Book face to face, phone, or virtual appointments through the Lloydminster office.
- Payment will not be a barrier to providing services to those in need.

Catholic Social Services - FASD Program for County of Vermilion River, Wainwright, Provost

Ashley Longstaff, Service Coordinator Cell 780.806.1228

Email ashley.longstaff@cssalberta.ca

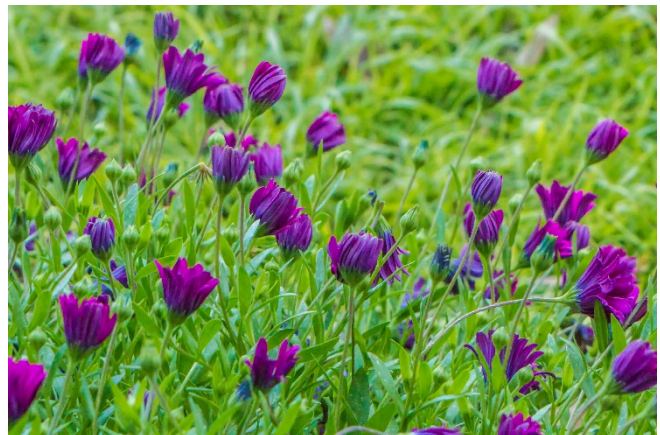
- Increasing face to face visits slowly with clients while still doing virtual visits as well. We are still wearing masks and maintain safety and health checks.
- Starting up an Adult Activity Group for clients to connect with one another. We hope this will get started next month.
- This summer we are starting up a photo challenge activity to get clients outside and enjoying nature while appreciating what our communities have to offer.
- We are open to referrals for anyone who needs to make a connection for someone who is suspected of having PAE-Prenatal Alcohol Exposure or who may already have a diagnosis.
- We still continue running Complex Needs Caregivers Group. We have been doing this on a virtual platform with around 5 to 10 families are regularly joining. Families who are looking for this extra connection do not need to be a part of our programs to access this.
- Please contact Paula Iverson if you are interested in becoming a board member for Prairie Central FASD.
- Please welcome both summer students: Kailey Semen and Luke Gronow!! We are so happy to have them part of the team.

Town of Vermilion Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

Carol Coleman, FCSS Coordinator Direct Office Line 780.581.2413

Email ccoleman@vermilion.ca

- Covid Well-being Survey – This survey will provide data to assist agencies with their future programing for residents in the Vermilion and County of Vermilion River area. The deadline for completing the survey is June 25. Link is <https://survey.alchemer-ca.com/s3/50100874/COVID-19-Well-Being-Survey>. See also the Town of Vermilion and County of Vermilion River face book pages for the survey QR code. This is a joint project with Town of Vermilion FCSS and County of Vermilion River FCSS.
- Have you heard about Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta (CPLEA)? See www.cplea.ca for their resources and free publications. They are based in Edmonton and provide legal information on a variety of topics.
- Next Mental Health and Wellness Conference currently set for Wednesday, January 19, 2022. The Planning Committee is finalizing four sessions on a variety of topics for an in-person and/or virtual conference. If you have questions, please contact Leanne Martin from the Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce or myself.
- FCSS Funding applications for 2022 budget year will be due September 15, 2021.



Rapid Access Counselling (RAC)

Shannon Kanda, Rural Family Engagement and Resource Coordinator, Counselling Services Catholic Family Service
Call 1.403.205.8533, Toll Free 1.877.244.2360

Email shannon.kanda@cfs-ab.org www.CommunityConnectYYC.ca , choose Rapid Access Counselling

- This agency received a “Covid Response” grant to serve Albertans, this grant will end this summer unless alternative funding is found.
- Affordable counselling by secure video chat or phone to anywhere in Alberta
- The single session counselling program, delivered by Catholic Family Service in Calgary, supports families, couples, and individuals of all ages, faiths, and backgrounds. Whether you’re facing a current crisis or an ongoing challenge, our change-focused conversations can help you identify the next steps.
- Appointments are often available within a week. Book online at <https://www.cfs-ab.org/what-we-do/mental-health-wellbeing/rapid-access-counselling/> for answers to frequently asked questions or call 1.877.244.2360
- A variety of skilled counsellors are available to choose from.
- Pay what you can afford, you choose a session fee that is comfortable and manageable for you, cost is not a barrier to support.



Lloydminster Interval Home Society www.intervalhome.org

Leslie Bakker, Public Education Facilitator 780.808.5282 Ext. 2005

Email leslieb@lloydintervalhome.com

- Offering free monthly Learn with LIHS Zoom sessions. All upcoming sessions will be listed on our social media pages. Public education presentation topics include: Family Violence, Healthy Relationships, Domestic Violence and Your Workplace, Elder Abuse. Please email Leslie to register for sessions or for more information on presentations.
- Program information can be found on our website www.intervalhome.org.

Vermilion Regional Centre (5702 College Drive), Town of Vermilion

Carol Coleman, Facility Coordinator 780.581.2413

Email ccoleman@vermilion.ca



- This facility is gearing up for summer event bookings as per the removal of covid restrictions.
- Bookings have been made for annual community events in future years.

Walking Through Grief Society

Shirley Scott 780.846.2576 Email: wtgriefsupp@xplornet.ca

Lynda Moses 780.853.1818 Email: lyndamoses@telus.net

- Group meetings to continue during the summer months. Lloydminster and Wainwright will hold groups in August and people can join by zoom. Call Shirley to find dates and times. Vermilion will hold regular groups, for more information call Lynda.
- One to one contact by appointments will continue during the summer and on call contact is 780.846.2576 or 780.871.1750 for support.
- Hope After Loss, Audra's Legacy will now take registrations for the start date of late September. Date and time to be announced. This is for children's groups ages 6-16. This is available in Lloydminster and Vermilion.
- If there is interest in a support for children experiencing loss by divorce or separation, please let Shirley know.
- Suicide Walk of Remembrance on September 11 (11th Year for this event) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Bud Miller Park, Lloydminster. Watch the media for more information.
- The Society is looking for volunteers who have a passion for working with children and for those who would enjoy an experience of supporting adults in groups. Training is available for both groups.

Alberta Health Services – Children's Rehabilitation Services

Haley Gim, Occupational Therapist 780.853.5270

Email HaleyHansol.Gim@albertahealthservices.ca



- Our services focus on birth- 5. Since the change in our service last year, we are more restricted as to what we are allowed to see for school aged children. We're currently looking at providing virtual summer programming in August. More information to follow.
- New Moms and Dads Services - It is a group for new parents happening twice a year. No dates yet but will be happening again in October/November. Megan Clarke will receive a list of new parents and give them a call. If you know new parents who are interested, they can give us a call at 780.853.5270 and ask for Megan Clarke for registration. Six sessions covering social emotional development, motor/play skills, language, sleep, eating, new mom's mental health provided by occupational therapist (OT), speech language pathologist (SLP), physiotherapist (PT), dietitian and other health professionals.
- Newborn hearing Screen – every second Tuesday
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- Virtual parent sessions for early language and early sound development - To access, parents need to be referred to Children's Rehabilitation Services. They can either go through the central coordinated intake or come to walk in clinic.
- Walk in Clinic is currently virtual (see Walk in Clinic business card) - The first Tuesday of every month from 9-12 PM, access to Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, **PT**
- Have a monthly newsletter. Call 780.853.5270 (Public Health Office Number) and ask for Megan Clarke.



Rural Mental Health Project, Vermilion (Supported by Canadian Mental Health Association, FCSS Vermilion)

Derek Collins, Community Animator Email: Derek.Collins@lakelandcollege.ca

Sarah Popil, Community Animator Email: Sarah.Popil@lakelandcollege.ca

- Upcoming seminars on Self-care and Connection (dates to be determined), facilitated by The Nest Project in the fall.
- Featuring podcast interviews of people from Vermilion community. The goal is to share ideas and create connections. Episodes can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Vermilionruralmentalhealthproject> or <https://derekcollins.podbean.com/>
- Look to the facebook page for updates or email at vermilionmentalhealthproject@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in being featured on our podcast.

Kalyna Country Primary Care Network (Located in Midtown Medical Clinic, Vermilion) 780.853.6966

Lynette Adamson, Nurse Practitioner Email: ladamson@kalynapcn.ca

- Two upcoming sessions available: Anxiety to Calm, Happiness Basics. Dates and times to be determined. These are free sessions. Please call in to register.



Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce www.vermilionbertachamber.com

Leanne Martin, Chamber Manager 780.853.6593

Email: leanne@vermilionbertachamber.com

- Canada Day Contest July 1 to 5 – There are 12 little beavers hidden around town. See Chamber website for clues. Find all 12 and write down their locations. Submit your entry to the Chamber office in the mailbox at 5038 – 49 Ave. or email Leanne by July 5th at 10:00 am to be entered into the draw for 1 of the 12 prize packs.
- Show your love for Local – Shop in County of Vermilion River, Mannville, and Derwent and enter to win a monthly prize of supper for four. Prizes donated by Reflections Funeral & Cremation Services Ltd., Vermilion. Minimum purchase of \$50.00 (before tax) made in the current month. Purchase can be made from any business. Receipts must be submitted or a photo of receipts submitted by email to Leanne or text to 780.853.6593 by midnight on the last day of the month. Only 1 entry per receipt. Draw barrel resets each month.
- Scavenger Hunt during July and August – Explore County of Vermilion River. Shop local, take photos, have fun, and win prizes! See www.vermilionbertachamber.com.



Workforce Consultant, Alberta Labour and Immigration

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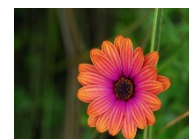


- Critical Worker Benefit - A second phase of the one time payment for critical workers has been expanded to help Albertans who provides critical services, are essential to the supply and movement of goods and have a potential risk of exposure to COVID-19 through their work environments. Please visit the Critical Worker Benefit website for further information and a complete list of the expanded occupations at <https://www.alberta.ca/critical-worker-benefit.aspx>.
- Alberta Jobs Now Program -The Alberta Jobs Now program will provide up to \$370 million to help private and non-profit businesses with job supports to get thousands of Albertans back to work. Employers can apply for funding to offset the cost of hiring and training unemployed or underemployed Albertans in new or vacant positions. The current intake period is now open through the Alberta Jobs Now Program Portal. If you are interested in hosting a presentation, please let me know and we can arrange a date. See the Alberta Jobs Now Program Fact Sheet or for further information, www.alberta.ca/jobsnow.
- Canada Alberta Job Grant - Eligible employers can get government funding to help employees and unemployed Albertans access training opportunities. Eligible employers are required to contribute a minimum of one-third of the total training costs for existing employees. Government contributes two-thirds of the cost to a maximum of \$10,000 per trainee per fiscal year. If hiring and training an unemployed Albertan, up to 100% of training costs could be covered, up to \$15,000 per trainee. For further information, please visit the Canada Alberta Job Grant website at <https://www.alberta.ca/canada-alberta-job-grant.aspx>.
- Alberta Biz Connect - Workplace guidance and supports to help businesses and non-profits affected by COVID-19 begin to reopen and resume operations safely. As businesses prepare to reopen as part of Alberta's relaunch strategy, resources are available to help keep you, your staff, and your customers safe. <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>
- Trucking HR: Student Work Placement Subsidy - The student work placement program partners with employers, and post-secondary institutions to create and deliver work-learning opportunities for post-secondary students. Wage subsidies of up to \$7,500 are available to help employers bring on young talent and new hires. To learn more contact: theteam@truckinghr.com. For further information, an Information webinar is planned for Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 10am (MST), to register visit the [Student Work Placement Subsidy 101 Session registration link](#).
- Labour Market Information - Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.7% in May 2021, a 0.3% decrease from the previous month and a 6.8 percentage points decrease from May 2020. Hiring activity by Alberta employers in May 2021 showed some improvement compared to the previous month. Job postings rose by 5% in May 2021, reversing the 16% month-on-month contraction in April 2021. New job postings in May 2021 rose by 1,201 to reach 24,371 from the previous month's 23,170. At this level, job postings were still below the pre-COVID average of 26,260. Labour Market Notes – [Alberta labour market resilient](#).

Alberta Health Services – Volunteer Resources

Susan McCulley, Coordinator 780.853.8842

Email: Susan.McCulley@albertahealthservices.ca or susan.mcculley@gmail.com



- Both Vermilion Continuing Care and Islay Assisted Living are in the process of welcoming volunteers back. To ensure the health and safety of the residents, staff, and families, all volunteers will be required to follow the guidelines in place at the site (ie. continuous masking while volunteering). If you have any questions about volunteering for Alberta Health Services, please contact me or see our website for more information <https://albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page12616.aspx>

Vermilion Food Bank 780.853.5161

Derek Collins, Food Bank Coordinator/Volunteer Leader

- Pick-ups are Fridays 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church (4620 – 53 Ave.), Vermilion, using covid-19 guidelines.

Hearts and Hands 780.581.0521

- Reaching out to families and individuals
- Provides a gift of food, personal items, cleaning products, baby formula and diapers. Call and leave a message and your call will be returned.



Community of Practice (CoP)

- This is a group of people who voluntarily meet together based on a common desire to share knowledge and experiences, and best practices for serving and advocating for their clients in the Vermilion area. Membership is by self-selection or invitation to those related to the topic identified for the discussion. These brief zoom meetings can occur as needed or at scheduled check-in months during the year. Anyone can email a zoom invitation to various members. If you want a copy of a draft Terms of Reference for the CoP, please email fcss@vermilion.ca or call 780.581.2413. As a community checkin, these meetings would be separate from the regular Vermilion & Area Interagency meetings.

Next Vermilion and Area Interagency Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021 Zoom Meeting 12:00 pm

Other Future Meeting Dates: Thursday, January 13, 2022

Emails will be sent in advance regarding the format of future meetings, whether in-person or via online zoom.

Vermilion & Area Interagency is a partnership between CLASS Vermilion River Community Learning and the Town of Vermilion Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)



CLASS Vermilion River Community Learning

