



ICA Community of Practice
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2024

Attendees: David Gabert, Kristina Eyjolfson, Tina Young, John Thompson, Sam Machan, Maritza Stinson, Denise Fedunec, Miranda Hargreaves, Sharon Brown, Richard Deimuth, Amy Laboissiere, Mitch Dibben, Deanna Presley-Roberts,

Presentation: City of Lethbridge – Ashley Killins

- The City of Lethbridge **Fee Assistance Program** supports Lethbridge residents who face financial barriers. Through an application process, participants can access public transit and recreation and culture programs and activities at a subsidized cost. Gross adult household income is required to meet Statistics Canada’s Low-Income Cut-Off (LICO) thresholds.
- Two Funding Streams
 1. Recreation and Culture
 - Funding is available for one program/activity, to a maximum of \$150 per person, per season, while funds are available.
 - Seasons span from January 1 – June 30, and July 1 – December 31.
 2. Bus Pass
 - Funding is available to provide 2/3 of the costs associated with Lethbridge Transit bus passes.
 - Through this program, participants pay for a 1-month bus pass and receive 2 additional months for free. Payment will be required at time of card pick-up/renewal at the designated location.

Access-A-Ride

- Approved AAR customers pay per ride and can choose from the following options:
 - Applicant pays \$30 – recommended for infrequent riders (results in \$90 on card)
 - Applicant pays \$78 – recommended for moderate riders (results in \$234 on card)
 - Applicant pays \$108 – recommended for frequent riders (results in \$324 on card)
- See website for further information on Program Details, Activity/program requirements, Qualifications, Application Form and Application Assistance. Website:
Lethbridge.ca/feeassistance





Community of Practice Discussions

- ICA Website Updates
 - Working through updates for the Referral Pathways, Population Support Navigators
- Referral Pathways Updates
 - Please let Community Links know if there are updates or changes to be made to the referral documents, or if there are programs you know are missing.
- Counselling Subsidy Updates
 - Have quarterly service provider meetings. If you have issues reach out to Cali.
- ICA Trainings
 - 2024 Training Schedule being finalized.
 - Indigenous Population Support Navigator Training
- Presentations
 - Let David know if you would like to present on
- 2023/2024 Community of Practice Meeting Calendar

Community Trends, Issues & Challenges

- Service Provider Update Sheet:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JA5ostkm4akrg3Yo4DOT6IX_H_AxPUHP2vAiGKmnRyw/
- Round Table on Trends, Issues & Challenges
 - 988 has been implemented across Canada effective November 30th. It is a suicide prevention line, with limited referrals to local resources. Calls from Lethbridge are currently routed to Edmonton and Calgary. It is a program that will be expanding and changing as implementation continues.
 - Free Christmas Dinner at LSCO on December 25th, all are welcome! Be sure to call and register.
 - 3 Counselling Position just posted for LFS. Have Suicide Intervention training currently available for Spring. You can email John to register staff (jthompson@lfsfamily.ca)

2024 meetings from 11-12pm (second Thursday of every month)

- January 11, 2024
- February 8, 2024
- March 14, 2024
- April 11, 2024
- May 9, 2024
- June 13, 2024





- July 11, 2024
- August 8, 2024
- September 12, 2024
- October 10, 2024
- November 14, 2024
- December 12, 2024

