



Child and Youth Services

Provincial Family Resource Networks

Provincial Family Resource Networks (FRNs) deliver high quality prevention and early intervention services and supports for children aged 0 to 18.

Networks provide a range of services and supports that focus on strengthening parenting and caregiving knowledge, social support, coping and problem-solving skills, access to community supports and resources, improving child and youth development, building resiliency, and fostering well-being.

For more information contact our local FRN at Family First Society 780-998-5595 or www.familiesfirstsociety.ca

Child Care

Gibbons FCSS offers licensed accredited Out of School Care at the Gibbons Cultural Centre.

The “Landing Pad” offers age appropriate programs and activities are provided in an environment that supports and nurtures the 5 areas of development. The environment fosters a sense of belonging where children feel accepted and demonstrate respect for diversity. The evolving needs of each child are recognized and nurtured with opportunities to develop more independence and responsibility. Programs and activities challenge the children to progressively attain new skills with guidance from staff and older children. Consistency and predictability of the programs, activities and staff enhance the development of each child while maintaining a sense of security in the environment.

Home Alone Safety Program

This program provides interactive safety training for youth ages 10+ twice per year. This program prepares our youth for the all-important step of being home alone. Being home alone can be an uncomfortable and unsafe situation without some basic skills. Those safety, first aid, and comfort skills are covered in this course through interactive games and role playing.

Babysitting Safety Course

This course is designed for responsible adolescents of 11.5 years and up who want to become a babysitter. Gibbons FCSS offers two Babysitting Safety courses per year-one in the spring and one in the fall.

The Babysitting Safety course covers the responsibilities of a babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, feeding and diapering babies, basic childcare skills, and what to do in case of an emergency. Basic first aid is also covered, choking, cuts, burns, etc. Each student will receive a Red Cross Babysitter’s course manual, and a completion card.



Gibbons Summer Programs

Summer programs provide various experiences that support social and physical growth during July and August. A variety of free and paid programs such as field trips, sports, arts, crafts, and games will be provided for children who live in our community. Registration takes place in mid-June and can be found at www.gibbons.ca

Agrium Youth Centre (AYC)

The Gibbons Agrium Youth Centre exists to provide a free structured and non-structured programs, social opportunities, craft, and game table activities for youth in grades 5 and up. The hours and days vary throughout the year but will be posted on the Gibbons Youth Facebook page. The youth centre is a drop-in program where the youth are free to come and go, however, they are required to sign in and out of the program. The AYC is responsible for youth only during the time they are inside the centre.

Registration and parent consent are required to attend the program. Youth will be allowed to have one free visit but will not be allowed to return until completed registration and parent consent forms are returned.

Fostering Leadership in Youth (FLY)

The FLY program is a great opportunity for youth ages 12-17 to gain leadership experience, communication skills and develop their resume through volunteering in our community. The program runs full-time throughout the summer months and as needed during the school year.

All FLY volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 25 hours over the course of the summer. These hours are made up of a combination of theme days, field trips, and special events.

Applications are available at the beginning of June and will be posted on the Gibbons Youth Facebook page.

Adult Services

Information and Referral Services

Gibbons FCSS provides a free confidential information and referral program. Gibbons residents can learn how to obtain assistance with a personal or family issue, get supports, connect with other local agencies or organizations, learn about upcoming events, programs and services being offered in the area.

Adult Literacy

Sturgeon Adult Literacy provides a free confidential service of one-on-one tutoring for adults who wish to improve their literacy skills. They can help you improve basic skills such as: financial literacy, computer skills, English language learning, community kitchens.

The Literacy program is always looking for volunteer tutors and will provide in-house training and materials.



Senior Services

Income Tax Program

Seniors, low income individuals, or people living on social assistance can get their taxes done free through the Gibbons FCSS Income Tax program. This program runs between beginning of March and the end of April.

Seniors Week

Join us for many fun activities offered the first week of June to celebrate our Senior Community. Activities range from social, recreation, information and referral and entertaining activities. Most of these events are free for adults over the age of 55 years. Seniors week events will be posted in May.

Seniors Almost Christmas Dinner

For more than 3 decades the Town of Gibbons and FCSS have hosted the Seniors Almost Christmas Dinner for local adults age 55+. This event takes place the second last Friday in November each year at the Gibbons Cultural Centre. A full Christmas dinner buffet and live music are provided for a minimal charge. Tickets go on sale at the beginning of October.

Snow Angel

Snow Angels is an awareness and recognition program encouraging residents of Gibbons to help a neighbour in need by shovelling their snow and to acknowledge those who volunteer their time. Residents are encouraged to report snow angel sightings to Gibbons FCSS, so that they can be publicly recognized.

Seniors Walking Group

Walking is one of best exercises older adults can do for their balance, cardiovascular health, and weight loss. As people get older, many find it difficult to maintain a healthy exercise routine and need more social interaction.

Gibbons FCSS provides seniors a place to come receive instruction, support, social interaction, and a safe indoor walking environment. Registration is required and a minimal fee is charged.

Families

Family Events

Gibbons FCSS offers various free special events during the year for all residents that assist with social connection, group support, personal development, and learning.

Special Events include:

Family Day, Canada Day, Pioneer Days, Block Parties and Hometown Weekend.

All event dates will be posted on the www.gibbons.ca Facebook at Gibbon, AB and in the monthly newsletter.



Community Development

Community Information

Meet the Community Night is a gathering of local community groups to showcase their programs and services, display information and recruit volunteers. This is a free event that happens during the second week of September at the Gibbons Cultural Centre.

Gibbons FCSS also publishes a monthly newsletter that is mailout with the monthly water bills. This newsletter informs residents of upcoming events that will be held within the town.

In addition to the monthly newsletter a bi-annual community guide is published and delivered to each household.

Community Resources and Supports Directory

Did you know that FCSS provides information and referrals connecting you to social, health and government services? You can find a full list of the resources and supports available in our community at www.gibbons.ca

Meals on Wheels

Gibbons FCSS works with Edmonton Meals on Wheels to provide the Chef's Choice program in our area. Chef's Choice frozen menu offers residents a single-serve meal of home-cooked goodness that you can save for whenever you are ready. Orders are placed once a monthly with pick up at the Gibbons Family Resource Centre. For more information and menu items, go to www.mealsonwheelsedmonton.org/pages/chefs-choice-frozen-menu

Volunteer Organization

FCSS is proud to support the many dedicated volunteers that make Gibbons a great community. For information about becoming a volunteer, volunteer week celebrations or volunteer supports contact the Gibbons Family Resource Centre

**For more information on any of these programs, contact the
Gibbons Family Resource Centre at 780-923-2374.**