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Good morning all!

I am attaching the Request for Proposal (RFP) for FASD Outreach/Mentoring Services for the up and coming 2017-18 fiscal year. Funding will be provided for one year with the intent of it lasting for 3 years or till March 2020. This is of course contingent on receiving continued funds from the GoA. RFP packages may be obtained electronically by e-mailing: Vscott@fasdca.ca.

There are changes to this cycle of funding. We have reduced the funds for Outreach/Mentoring supports and service in the Central area of the Network. As such, to replace the position reduced, we have added a new position "Resource Coordinator".

This decision was not made lightly, taking into account the impact of reducing service in this area may mean. To compensate, the Resource Coordinator will provide "short term" support to individuals currently on waitlists – both for Outreach/Mentoring and Assessment and Diagnosis. The Resource Coordinator will also support those currently on caseload who need short, intermittent support for issues such as forms, referrals etc.

These changes are primarily due to the current economic status we are faced with in Alberta and our need to provide support to individuals as creatively as we can. We are also embarking on a project with Provincial Justice to identify individuals flowing through the criminal justice system who have no supports. These are identified as individuals with "complex needs" and certainly include many individuals suspected or diagnosed with FASD. Our intent is to stop the flow of individuals being incarcerated who require and would benefit from community supports that are not currently in place.

Please watch for other changes to the Central Alberta FASD Network. We will be hiring an additional position in the near future to support those individuals identified as being eligible for disability services. As well, our dynamic FASD Conversation Facilitator – Jacy Morissette is leaving us to relocate in beautiful Victoria, B.C. As such, her position needs a new leader January 1, 2017.

Warm regards,



B.L. Benson

Central Alberta FASD Network