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| Small Alberta Town FCSS Program/Project Summary Report |
| **Program/Project Name: Family Holiday Party (full package)**  | **Date: December 9, 2014** |
| **Primary Target Population:**  |
| * Children/Youth
 | * Adults
 | * Seniors
 | Families | * Community
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| **Total # of Participants: ­­­­\_\_\_\_154\_\_\_\_\_ # of Families: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_41\_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_58\_\_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_96\_\_\_\_\_**  |

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| **Outcomes:**  | **Indicators of Success:** | **Measures:**  | **MeasuresBank Number:** | **Alignment with FCSS Outcomes Model: Chart of Outcomes and Indicators:** |
| 1. Families spend quality time with each other. | 1. Families report spending quality time together. | 1. My family enjoyed spending time together today. | 7 | Outcome: Families Outcome # 1: Healthy functioning within familiesPositive family relationships |
| # completing the tool: \_\_43\_\_\_# completing measure: \_\_42\_\_\_# experiencing a positive change:\_\_39\_\_ |
| 2. Families feel more connected to each other. | 1. Families report they feel closer to one another. | 1. As a result of Family Holiday Party, my family feels closer to one another. | PM3 | Outcome: Families Outcome # 1: Healthy functioning within familiesPositive family relationships |
| # completing measure: \_\_43\_\_\_# experiencing a positive change:\_\_\_35\_\_ |

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| 3. Families are more connected to others in the community. | 1. Families report they are more connected to other families | 1. As a result of the Family Holiday Party, my family strengthened existing connections with other families in my community. | 11 | Outcome: Family: Outcome #2: Families have social supportsExtent and quality of social networks |
| # completing measure: \_\_40\_\_\_# experiencing a positive change:\_\_35\_\_\_ |
| 2. As a result of the Family Holiday Party, my family made new connections with other families in my community. | 10 |
| # completing measure: \_\_38\_\_\_# experiencing a positive change:\_\_23\_\_\_ |
| **Additional Information** |
| **Identify Measurement Tool(s) Used:** |
| Survey | * Checklist
 | * Interview
 | * Document

Review |
| * Observation
 | * Focus Groups
 | * Case Studies
 | * Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| **When Measurement** **Tool(s) Used:** | * Pre-test/post-test: both before and after your activities
 |  Post-Only :After Activities  | * During your activities:
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| **Other output information related to this program/project: Volunteer involvement related to this program/project only: (if applicable)****# of volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_13\_\_\_\_\_ # of volunteer hours: \_\_\_\_\_\_174\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Stories - please share a story that describes the significant impact for the participants.**(Note: Include this story in the annual report for your program and/or submit to the FCSS Storybook. The province will be using the FCSS Storybook to gather stories.)One woman indicated that her and her husband and two kids come to this event every year. She said that between running the kids around to their activities and her husband’s work schedule, they rarely have a chance to just hang out together as a family. She said that her husband makes a point of writing this event in his schedule months in advance, to ensure he can be here with his family. She said that her 7 year old son asked if the Town could have a party like this every week. She said that this event is a time for her family to connect and get grounded during such a busy time of year. She said that it is one of the family’s most favourite Christmas traditions. |
| **Continuous Quality Improvement:**After analyzing the information, should we continue with this program/project? Why or why not? * Overall, the event was a huge success and we should definitely hold it again next year.
* We had a good turn out and of those who responded to the survey, the event certainly achieved our desired outcomes #1 and #2. The story above illustrates the statement of need in the PLM, i.e., some families are busy and have little time, or don’t take the time, to connect as a family. This event provides families with the opportunity to spend quality time together and connect with other families, leading to stronger family relationships and healthier functioning within the family.
* It appears that connecting with new families was of less interest than strengthening existing relationships with families.

What improvements can we make to the program/project?* Better advertise that focus is for families with younger children.
* Maybe look at engaging older kids to be the Santa’s Helpers
* Look into having crafts appropriate for multiple ages all in one area.
* Look into the possibility of hosting it on the weekend and making it a bit longer.
* Consider adding activities to help families meet new families.

What improvements can we make to the outcome measurement process?* We only surveyed the adults and would like to try and survey the children next year. We might create a poster with smiley faces and have the kids put a sticker by the face that best represents how much fun they had with their family.
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| **Successes:*** More families attended than last year.
* Everyone had a great time.
* Positive family relationships and connections between community members were made and enhanced.
 | **Changes to be made (if any):*** Look into possibility of holding it on the weekend and see if we can have it during the day before the Christmas Light up event.
* Make it a whole day community thing.
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| **Completed by:** Mary Smith | **Date completed:** December 12th, 2014 |
| **Reported to:**  | **Date reported:** |
|  **Staff –** Manager | December 19th, 2014 |
| **Participants –** via Twitter and Facebook | December 19th, 2014 |
| **Community –** FCSS Annual Report in Newspaper | March 2015 |
| **Board –** FCSS Board and Organizing Committee | January 2015 |
| **Council –** FCSS Annual Report to Council | February 2015 |
| **Provincial FCSS –** 2014 Provincial Progress and Outcomes Report | June 2015 |