

STRONGER TOGETHER Parkland School Division Family Supports Newsletter May 2023

Dear parents and caregivers,

This month our newsletter provides resources and support around Trauma and Addictions. We have provided some great articles that you may find informative. Please remember to reach out in your community, if you or anyone in your family needs any assistance. We also would be happy to chat with you!

Always find time for the things that make you smile, Vicky 780-668-7422 Jenn 780-819-1962

Trauma and Addiction

How they are connected and how to spot signs of addictive patterns in your child

By Jenn Banas, Master Practitioner in Clinical Counselling and Clinical Traumatologist at the Parkland Wellness Center

How it starts

In our lives, we might have had experiences that led us to feel threatened and unsafe, we didn't have the sense of how to process it in the moment. Because of this, our brain was unable to store the memory of that experience(s) in a linear and logical way. The memory sometimes ends up being *scrambled* and unprocessed in the brain. When this happens, our brain can end up perceiving that unprocessed memory as something that is *still happening* to us and rings the alarm bell, known as the Fight and Flight response. Over time, that consistent state of alarm in the body can have <u>negative long term effects</u>.

When our system is unbalanced

When our <u>Autonomic Nervous System</u> is unbalanced because of the constant state of Fight and Flight, it can impact the body's ability to regulate Dopamine, the chemical in the body responsible for feelings of pleasure, satisfaction and motivation. Sometimes, we will seek out dopamine "hits" to satisfy or balance this. Dopamine hits can come in many forms: watching a good movie, eating a satisfying treat, spending time laughing with a friend. However, sometimes we can become addicted to the feeling of the Dopamine high and seek out bigger and longer sustained hits or highs through excessive video

game play, drugs, alcohol, overeating and many others. This is when it can begin to look like an addiction.

When Our Children seek Dopamine highs that lead to addiction

As a parent, you might wonder if your own child is becoming addicted or has an addiction issue. Here are some signs that this might be the case:

- Changes in friends
- Negative changes in schoolwork, missing school, or declining grades
- Increased secrecy about possessions or activities
- Use of incense, room deodorant, or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odours

- Subtle changes in conversations with friends, e.g. more secretive, using "coded" language
- Change in clothing choices: Mirroring the clothing choices of friends, influences that support addictive behaviours
- Increase in borrowing money
- Evidence of drug paraphernalia such as pipes, rolling papers, etc.
- Evidence of use of inhalant products (such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, common household products); Rags and paper bags are sometimes used as accessories
- Bottles of eye drops, which may be used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils
- New use of mouthwash or breath mints to cover up the smell of alcohol
- Missing prescription drugs—especially painkillers, narcotics, and mood stabilizers

How do I support a child that may have unprocessed trauma or addiction?

 Begin with a compassionate conversation. Remember that your child may be using their addiction to soothe pain. <u>Offer addiction counselling support</u> and consider attending a group yourself such as <u>Al Anon</u>. Seek out conversations with their support people and seek to increase supportive people in their life. Finally, consider healing for yourself through counselling supports. Remember, a healthy parent can more readily support health in their children.

There is Hope

Do not lose heart if you believe your child has unprocessed trauma and addiction. There is healing for both, and you are not alone. Although it may seem overwhelming now, many parents have seen their children experience healing from trauma and addiction and find a new, and healthier road ahead.

Healthier Together - AHS

Help teens quit smoking or vaping - the way they want!

Quash is a new smoking and vaping cessation program for teens and young adults (age 14-30) that makes it easy to build a custom plan for quitting. Funded by Health Canada and co-designed by youth, Quash is available in both English and French. Through a free mobile app and web resources, Quash helps young people learn the dangers of smoking, and coaches them through behaviour change. They can track their successes and setbacks, longest quit streaks, and how much money they've saved. They can access tools and activities to help them through the quit process, including help lines.

If you know a young person who is looking for support to quit smoking or vaping, encourage them to get Quash on the App Store or Google Play. To learn more about how it works and what adult allies can do, go to quashapp.com.

APFA Stress, Trauma and Addiction Workshop

Resource List

Trauma recovery resources:

The Wisdom Of Trauma -Mobile Apps - PTSD: National Center for PTSD YouTube video for <u>recovery</u> Trauma Recovery Program (TRP) - Traumatology Institute Helping Children Cope After a Traumatic Event Addictions Supports: Courses - Dr. Gabor Maté Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre https://pepsociety.ca/ Treatment Services for Youth | Alberta Health Services **AADAC Parent Information** Teen Corner (Alateen) - Al-Anon Family Groups <u>Al-Anon</u> Dopamine Nation — Anna Lembke, MD ADHD, trauma, and addictions: Is It ADHD or Trauma? - Child Mind Institute AD(H)D - Dr. Gabor Maté Trauma and ADHD: PTSD Questions and Answers (additudemag.com) is it adhd or child traumatic stress.pdf (nctsn.org) **The ACE Assessment**

Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire for Adults

Resources for Parents and Caregivers (activities for kids & families)

Parenting for the Future - APFA Check out <u>Alberta Parenting For The Future</u> for **great parenting sessions and lots of programs for kids and teens.** For more information email info@apfa.ca or call 780-963-0549.



Check out the May calendar/activities at APFA

Parkland Village Youth Group - Mondays @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Recurring Event (See all)

Each week the group will look at how to make healthy lifestyle choices in a fun and engaging environment. Youth will

participate in a physical activity and a cooking activity meant to support lifelong health. The group is for youth in Grades 5, 6,

7, and 8. Registration is required.



Stony Plain FCSS

Stony Plain FCSS Youth Centre (SPYC)

Stony Plain Youth Centre

4902 – 51 Avenue, Stony Plain, AB Phone: 780-968-3846 Fax: 780-968-3987 Email: spyc@shaw.ca www.spyc.ca

Youth Drop In Hours:

Monday to Wednesday (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm) Thursday (2:00 pm - 8:00 pm) Friday (2:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

General Office Hours:

Monday to Wednesday (11:00 am - 6:00 pm) Thursday (11:00 am - 8:00 pm) Friday (2:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Like us Facebook!



Get your kids involved - check out programs at the Tri-Leisure.

You may qualify for a subsidized pass through Wishing You Wellness



Funding is available!! Your family may be eligible! KidSport Parkland

We provide grants to help cover the costs of registration fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Parkland can play a season of sport. Our chapter accepts applications and administers grants of up to **\$300 per child/year**, for kids who live in Parkland, or in one of the other communities we serve.

Every Kid Can Play

Announced April 24, the Alberta government is investing \$8 million to help make sports, physical activity, and recreation more accessible through the new Every Kid Can Play program. Designed to enable more Alberta children and youth to access sports, physical activity and recreation, the program will provide up to \$350 for program registration costs to Alberta families that are struggling financially. Parents can apply for funding in June through the Alberta chapter of KidSport, linked above.

Check out the May calendar/activities at the Stony Plain Library by clicking on the below image.



Check out the May calendar/activities at the Spruce Grove Library by clicking on the below image.



Alberta Affordability Payments



Families with children - Families can apply for \$600 per child under 18.



Camp Abilities Summer Day Camp

Our Summer Day Camp is structured for age groups 8-12 years and 13-18 years who are struggling at keeping friends and interacting with their peers. Participants will learn social skills in a safe setting in the morning and then practice what they have learned out in the community in the afternoon. Outings can include: visiting City of Edmonton facilities, riding Edmonton Transit, swimming, bowling and other activities that the group may choose to try. This camp offers direct social skills promoting and focuses on

- Highly trained staff with skills specific to working with this population
- Lower staff to participant ratio than most camps
- Understanding of the special needs of youth
- Individualized attention with focus on recognizing and developing each campers unique gifts and strengths
- Wrapped into every program is emphasis on developing organizational skills, social skills, and life skills set in a fun environment

Cost for the program is \$500.00 per 5 day session. Families are able to obtain FSCD (Family Support for Children with Disabilities) funding for their child to attend camp through community aid hours. Contact your FSCD worker to see if your child qualifies.

2023 SUMMER CAMPS - Faculty of Engineering - U of A

DiscoverE has delivered fun and engaging summer camps to youth in Edmonton since 1993. Campers will learn engineering, science and technology concepts through exciting hands-on projects and demonstrations. Our instructors are University of Alberta students who act as mentors in higher education. Some of our instructors were originally DiscoverE campers themselves!

Our Edmonton camps are run at University of Alberta's North Campus. Camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and early drop-off occurs from 8:30 to 9 a.m. while late pick-up is from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All camps cost \$325, except for weeks with a statutory holiday (\$275). **Partial and full bursaries are available to youth in need** (check out our <u>bursaries page</u> for more information). Our camps are designed for the stated grade ranges - please do not register your child in a camp outside their grade range. The grades listed indicate the grade starting in the fall.



Change Adventure Camp Programs

Parkland County Camps

Day camp programs running from 9am-4pm daily at the location and dates listed below. Cost is \$100 for five day camps and \$80 for four day camps. Each day will be made up of fun activities focused on camp games, physical literacy and building social connections amongst the campers.

July 3-7 Duffield Community Hall Golden Spike Community Hall

July 10-14 Parkland Village Community Centre Graminia Community League

July 17-21 Holborn Community Hall Wabamun Jubilee Hall

July 24-28 Sandhills Community League Fallis Community Association July 31-August 3 **Clymont Community League**

July 31-August 4 Westland Park Community League

August 7-10 Muir Lake Community League

August 7-11 Tomahawk Agra Centre

Remuda Horsemanship Camps

Saddle up with Change Health and Remuda Horsemanship as we partner up to offer the best camp on four legs. Whether you are a beginner looking to get to know horses safely, or an experienced rider hoping to log some serious horse time this summer, we have a camp for you.

Camps will focus on learning communication, connection and trust as we work with the horses both on the ground and in the saddle. From grooming and saddling, to riding in the arena and out on the trail, throwing in some hilarious dad jokes and some fun competition, we will do our best to cover all things horsey. Bring a lunch, close toed shoes and a riding helmet if you have one, and saddle up with us for a couple days of fun.

Ages 7-10 years old	Ages 11-15 years old
July 3-4	July 17-18
July 19-20	August 3-4

Edmonton Area Camps

Day camp programs running from 9am-4pm daily at the location and dates listed below. Cost is \$100 for five day camps. Each day will be made up of fun activities focused on camp games, physical literacy and building social connections amongst the campers.

July 24-28 & July 31-August 4

Parkdale Cromdale Community League

Reach out to our community:



B.I.L.Y

BILY (Because I Love You) Support Group BILY is a nationwide network of parents who meet weekly. People who are struggling with issues occurring within their homes, and/or within their lives. The group works with parents who have children of all ages. Groups are run by parents who have worked through the BILY program and have been successful with it.

Ongoing: Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Stony Plain FCSS Youth Centre 4902 – 51 Avenue, Stony Plain

Free To register: 780-245-2459 Community & Social Development

Caring Friends is a confidential and informal bereavement support group led by trained bereavement volunteers. Participants have an opportunity to share their feelings and understand the emotions associated with grief in a safe, supportive environment.

Our grief support group is meeting in person again. Please register for your spot - limited seating is available. Group meets the second Thursday of each month.

To register, please call: 780-963-8583 - Town of Stony Plain - <u>Community</u> <u>& Social Development</u>



Caring Friends

Provincial Mental Health Support for Newcomer Children and Families

Immigrant families arriving in Canada will want to know of a new provincial mental health initiative! The <u>Multicultural Health</u> <u>Brokers Cooperative</u> offers free counseling services to families with immigrant and refugee experience. Accessible online or in-person, counseling is provided by registered psychologists, social workers, and certified counselors in the areas of individual therapy, marriage counseling, play therapy, trauma therapy, and holistic family support. To access counseling information in different languages to share with families, please contact Karin Linschoten. For referrals, email counsellingintake@mchb.org. Spread the news!

TRIREGION FOOD RESOURCES

FOOD HAMPERS

Parkland Food Bank

105 Madison Crescent, Spruce Grove Monthly Food Hampers, by appointment,

- Tuesdays 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Wednesday 8:30AM-2:00PM + 6:20-8PM
- Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Saturday 8:30AM-12:30PM

780-962-4565 ext. 1

Wecan Food Basket

5600-50 St, Stony Plain Fresh Nutritious Affordable Food Basket Order by first Friday, pickup on third Thursday of month Monday - Friday, 9AM-4PM 587-338-1101

FOOD RESCUES

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove Tuesdays 11-1PM

apfa Food Rescue

Family Connection Centre 5600 50 Street, Stony Plain Thursdays 10AM - 3PM Fridays 1-4 (Check facebook for updates)

Food for the Soul

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove Last Friday of the month

COMMUNITY MEALS

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove Drop-in for take out bagged lunch Tuesdays 11-1PM

Food for the Soul

49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain Drop-in for bagged lunch First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove Hot meal to go for pick up Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM <u>www.sgac.net/eventregistration</u> 780-962-4700

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove Hot meal to go for pick Up Last Friday of the month www.sgcconline.breezechms.com/form/communitytable. 780-962-5611

BASIC NEEDS HELP

Community Helps Team

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove 780-962-5611 / 789-306-1955 helps@sprucegrove.church

NeighbourLink Parkland Serving Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Parkland County

780-960-9669 www.neighbourlinkparkland.ca neighbourlink.parkland@telus.net

Updated: October 2022

Learn Something New - free sessions for parents and caregivers

Family Connections

The Sashbear Foundation is a charity recognized as a leading voice for Canadian families impacted by emotion dysregulation, suicidality, and related mental health challenges. Sashbear trains and empowers family members to share life-transforming skills, building community and hope through evidence-based family programs, advocacy, and education.

Family Connections[™] (FC) is an evidence-based 24-hour group program for people who are in a relationship with someone who has emotional dysregulation or related problems. It is provided free of charge to participants. Family Connections[™] provides skills, support and hope for family members or friends of someone with emotion dysregulation, to regain balance in their lives. Sashbear delivers this international, evidence-based program throughout Canada in both French and English, provided by trained peer family members who speak from personal experience.



Community Education Services

Alberta Health

Supporting Children and Youth through Grief & Loss - May 17th

Registration

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

To watch a child, grieve and not know what to do is a profoundly difficult experience for parents, teachers, and caregivers. There are many life experiences that can produce feelings of grief in a child, from the death of a relative or a divorce in the family to more everyday experiences such as moving to a new neighborhood or losing a prized possession. The pandemic has added even more reasons, with children grieving the loss of normalcy and a sense of safety. This session is to help adults counter the false idea of "not feeling bad" and to empower children with positive, effective methods of dealing with loss. We will look at guidelines for helping children develop a lifelong, healthy response to loss and how you can support them through these tough times.

Juno House presents: Healthy Brains = Healthy Children - May 25th

Registration

12:00 PM- 1:30 PM

Before High School graduation, one third of adolescent girls will experience depression, anxiety disorders, self harm or an eating disorder. At Juno House www.junohouse.ca we believe in the extraordinary healing power of parents and caregivers. We believe that you can learn all of the skills that you need to become your teen's emotional coach. We believe that talking does not grow neurons; experience grows neurons. We will share steps and strategies from the Juno House Therapeutic Model that will give you effective emotional coaching tools for your children as they develop through adolescence and into young adulthood. You will learn about :

- Neuroscience and the developing brain,
- Brain integration of the left and right brain,
- How anxiety develops,
- The background of emotions and how to understand them in your child,
- The five emotional coaching steps,

• Strategies to help guide your adolescent through the challenges they will face in their academic, peer, and emotional environments.

Earth Play: The Benefits of Outdoor Exploration - May 30th

Registration

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

They don't call them the great outdoors for nothing! Getting outside is great for both mental health and physical health! This session will provide individuals with information about the benefits of messy play, exploration, and adventure for supporting positive mental health and provide practical, age-appropriate ideas for kids to get outside, get moving, and get messy!

Reach out for support in our community:

Youth Mental Health Clinic (Westview Primary Care Network) - call in for an appointment - 780-960 - 9533 ext 221

Children's Mental Health -NEW Intake number 825-402-6799 (see next page for updated information

Mental health and substance use - AHS - Substance Use Therapist - Lisa Kimmerly - 780-868-1895,

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, <u>help is available</u>., <u>Alberta AHS - Addiction and Mental Health</u> <u>Resources</u>

Parenting support (APFA) - Triple P Parenting 780-963-0549

Adult Crisis Response - 780-342-7777

Support Network Distress Line - 780-482-4357

Adult Mental Health Referral and Treatment - 780-424-2424

Parkland School Division - Family Support - Vicky Mamczasz - 780-668-7422 & Jenn Goulden 780-819-1962



Children, Youth & Families Addiction and Mental Health - Edmonton Zone Community Clinics & Crisis Services

General Information

Children, Youth & Families – Addiction and Mental Health provides a wide range of publicly-funded mental health services and support for children and youth (5-17 years of age) and their families, residing within Edmonton and area (and areas extending to central and northern Alberta).

Treatment services are generally provided by a multi-disciplinary team of health care providers. Our services are goal-focused. We aim to provide the right service at the right time for the right length.

Phone Numbers

Crisis Team:	780.407.1000
Northgate Clinic:	780.342.2700
Rutherford Clinic:	780.342.6850
Fort Saskatchewan Clinic:	780.342.2388
Leduc Clinic:	780.986.2660
Morinville Clinic:	780.342.2620
Sherwood Park Clinic:	780.342.3373
Spruce Grove Clinic:	780.342.1370
St. Albert Clinic:	780.342.1410

Intake Services

Intake Services:

Phone: 825.402.6799 Fax: 780.408.8776

Intake Services provide a single point of access to children's mental health services within the Edmonton zone. Anyone can refer:

- Parent or Youth
- ✓ Family Physician
- Community & Other Agencies

When a referral is received, a telephone screening interview is conducted by an Addiction and Mental Health Therapist. Based on the information received and the availability of other community resources, a decision will be made regarding the appropriate service.

Youth Addiction Services

Youth Addiction Services Edmonton (YASE) 780.408.8783 #300,11634 142 Street, Edmonton, AB

Rutherford Mental Health Clinic 780.342.6850 # 202, 11153 Ellerslie Rd, Edmonton, AB



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Walk-In Services

Walk-In Service is available to children/youth aged 5-17. This service offers a 50-minute, solutionfocused, single therapy session on a first-come, first-serve basis with a focus on exploring a specific issue and possible solutions. Parent/Caregiver attendance is preferred to support the child/youth. Families can call ahead to determine wait times.

Locations and Hours:

- Northgate Mental Health Clinic: 780.342.2700; #2020, 9499 137 Ave, Edmonton, AB Monday to Friday 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 4:00 p.m.)
- Rutherford Mental Health Clinic: 780.342.6850; #202, 11153 Ellerslie Rd, Edmonton, AB Monday to Friday 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 4:00 p.m.)
- St. Albert Mental Health Clinic: 780.342.1410; 30 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue, St. Albert, AB Wednesdays ONLY 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 3:00 p.m.)
- Leduc Mental Health Clinic: 780.986.2660; 4906 49 Avenue, Leduc, AB Wednesdays ONLY 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (last appointment at 3:00 p.m.)

Crisis Services

The **Crisis Team** offers immediate crisis support through the Crisis Line (780.407.1000) to children/youth, aged 5-17, and their care providers. The Crisis Team also provides support to professionals in the community. Therapists will determine, together with caregivers, if additional services are required at the time of the crisis call. Available 7 days a week 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Emergency Department Resources:

- Stollery Emergency Department Physicians have access to a team of mental health specialists for children/youth who have an emergency mental health concern.
- Community Hospital Emergency Department Physicians will assess, determine a treatment plan, and consult as necessary for children/youth who have an emergency mental health concern.

Crisis Phone Numbers within Alberta (24/7)

Health Link Alberta:	811 (Health Advice and/or to locate a family physician)
Mental Health Help Line:	1.877.303.2642 (toll free within Alberta)
Crisis Addiction Help Line:	1.866.332.2322 (toll free within Alberta)
Kids Help Phone: or text 686868 or chat <u>www.kidshelpphone</u>	1.800.668.6868 (toll free across Canada) e.ca
Indigenous Help Line:	1.855.242.3310 (toll free across Canada)

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