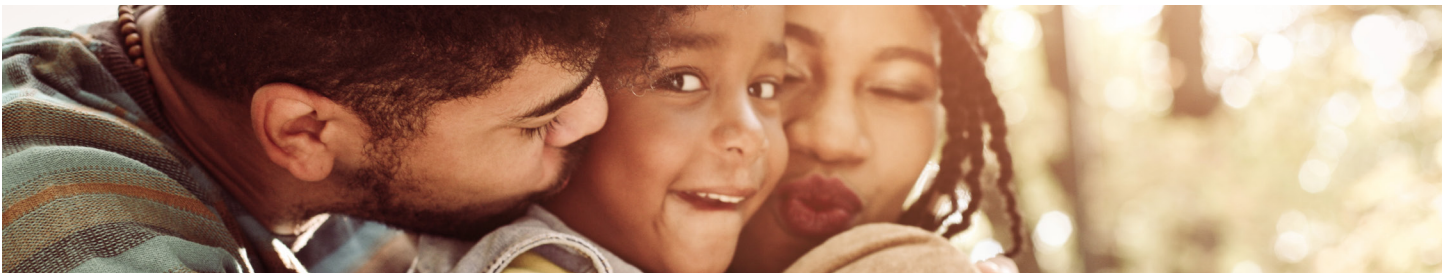


# FSC NATIONAL NEWS

Newsletter for members of Family Service Canada



## Message from the Board

Thank you to everyone who attended the Community of Learning in Sydney, Nova Scotia last month. It was a wonderful few days of networking and exploring leading edge concepts. Stay tuned as we are already set up to meet next fall in Vancouver.

I'd like to thank Heather Maughn (Family Plus/Life Solutions Inc. Saint John, NB) and Patricia Jones (Catholic Family Service Calgary, AB) for the time they gave to the board, two full terms of three years. Heather was both Treasurer and Secretary and provided ongoing guidance and wisdom to the work. Patricia provided never ending ideas and connections to content experts that supported the work.

We also have the pleasure of welcoming Shellie Pociuk back to the board from Regina Family Service. She has agreed to be our Treasurer, a position she held previously. Deirdre Speers from Ottawa was also nominated and accepted the appointment to the board.

### 2019/20 Board

Pauline Smale Board Chair (The Family Centre of Northern Alberta (Ass))  
Nancy MacDonald Board Vice Chair (Family Service of Easter Nova Scotia)  
Shellie Pociuk Treasurer (Family Service Regina)  
Karin Kirkpatrick Secretary (Family Services of Greater Vancouver)  
Trish St. Onge (CFS Saskatoon)  
Joyce Zuk (Family Services Windsor-Essex)  
Deirdre Speers (Family Service Ottawa)

The Family Service Canada board has developed a work plan covering the following priorities - Board Development, Events, Product/value Development, Membership Recruitment and Fund Development. We will continue to update you as to the progress of our work as the year goes on. As such it is my pleasure to welcome three new agencies to FSC.

- Partners Family Services Humboldt Saskatchewan, Executive Director Hayley Kennedy
- CUPS (Calgary Urban Project Society) Alberta, Executive Director Carlene Donnelly
- Restigouche Family Services Inc. New Brunswick, Executive Director Michele Guitard

Pauline Smale  
Board Chair

## CEO Spotlight: Hayley Kennedy

Hayley Kennedy is the Executive Director of PARTNERS Family Services Inc. a non-profit organization based in Humboldt, SK. PARTNERS Family Services Inc. is a multi-funded agency committed to nurturing positive choices that sustain healthy individuals and communities through support, education, and partnerships. The agency takes a particular interest in working with individuals and families who have experienced family violence.

With 16 years of experience working in the non-profit sector in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, Hayley is a young and energetic activist with a particular interest in examining and utilizing existing resources in creative and innovative ways to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals and families.

Beginning in 2003, Hayley took a particular interest in the non-profit sector and its ability to implement change at the individual and community level using limited resources. In her first role as an outreach program coordinator with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kingston, ON, Hayley quickly established both a passion for working with at-risk youth and a compelling ability to quickly connect with families, work with them to identify their goals, and connect them with resources.

In 2008, Hayley joined the dynamic team at the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth where she was instrumental in bringing a recreational program for street entrenched youth to the centre. Through this process, Hayley established herself as a talented grant writer and program developer. Through the delivery of this and other programs, Hayley grew into a skilled facilitator, public speaker, and advocate.

After relocating to Saskatchewan in 2010, Hayley continued to pursue her passion for working with vulnerable youth and families with Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon and Quint Development Corporation. In her roles as program coordinators, Hayley worked tirelessly with at risk families and their children both as a frontline worker and as an advocate for increased access to supports and services within Saskatoons highest risk and lowest income neighbourhoods. In these roles, Hayley continued to develop strong research skills in the areas of interpersonal relationships, parenting, and domestic violence. Hayley worked with countless families in these areas and is proud to have been a part of their stories.

After a brief relocation to Vancouver Island, BC and working with children in the disability sector, Hayley returned to Saskatchewan to pursue further work with at risk families. In her role as Executive Director, Hayley has been instrumental in increasing service provision in rural Central Saskatchewan; expanding services to isolated communities; increasing advocacy services; and bringing concerns from the rural service area to the provincial table. Hayley provides workshops to schools, employers, and other CBOs in the areas of mental health, interpersonal relationships, and family violence. Currently, Hayley sits on the Board of Directors for Saskatchewan Sexual Assault Services, and Family Service Saskatchewan. Hayley is a proud Alumni of Queen's University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and English and recently completed a Master of Arts in Community Development. She is a mother of two young children and lives in Humboldt, SK with her partner Cody and their two corgis.



# Active Parenting Canada

Family Services of Central Alberta like many of you provides preventive, supportive, and early intervention services to support individuals and families for various needs. We believe that the family is the most important resource to the individuals within it. Our mission is to assist individuals and families to maintain dignity, enhance autonomy, and strengthen relationships.

As a non-profit organization, we invested in Active Parenting Canada as our social enterprise. Active Parenting Canada meets our mission and mandates, enables the work we do, and supports our programs to serve the community at our fullest potential.

We would like to offer Active Parenting Canada programs to Family Service Agencies across Canada. Active Parenting Canada is the pioneer and industry leader in award-winning, video-based parenting education programs that empower families. We provide parents with skills from an education-based model to help their children thrive in our changing world from early years to teens. The programs emphasize the child's psychological and behavioral goals, logical and natural consequences, mutual respect and encouragement techniques. We host facilitator training workshops across Canada, and our website has program packages including books, games, videos, and more.

Our core parenting programs look at the "First Five Years", Active Parenting 4 which looks at the 6-12 age group and then Active Parenting Teens. We have other programs such as Cooperative Parenting and Divorce. This video-based program helps divorcing parents shield their children from parental conflict. Parents learn to guide their children through the process of recovery while establishing a positive, long-term relationship with the child's other parent.

Please visit our website, [www.activeparentingcanada.ca](http://www.activeparentingcanada.ca) to shop, request facilitator training workshops, and for more information. Also, follow Active Parenting Canada on Facebook for updates. If you have any questions, please contact me, Judy Scott, at (403) 309-8222 or [jscott@fsca.ca](mailto:jscott@fsca.ca).



Parent Session



Facilitator Training

We want to know what is happening in your agency. Let us know about your successes, new initiatives, important changes in staffing, anniversaries, etc. We will include them in future issues of our newsletter.

