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Policy Statement:

Lacombe County recognizes the need to provide family and community services that enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities within Lacombe County.

Guidelines/Procedures:

In providing for the establishment, administration and operation of a program, Lacombe County will:

1. promote and facilitate the development of stronger communities
2. promote public participation in planning, delivery and governing the program and services provided under the program
3. promote and facilitate the involvement of volunteers
4. promote efficient and effective use of resources
5. promote and facilitate co-operation and coordination with allied service agencies operating within the municipality
6. establish a program plan to communicate and promote available programs to residents of Lacombe County
7. give preference to programs that are long-term in nature, with clearly defined goals and objectives

Lacombe County Council serves as the FCSS Board and oversees the FCSS Program.

Lacombe County will administer the following programs with funding received under the Family and Community Support Services Program:

➤ **Extended Home Support Program**

Available to those who are unable to manage household duties due to disability or frailty associated with age. Services may include duties such as laundry and ironing, vacuuming, washing floors, cleaning bathrooms, menu planning, meal preparation, occasional cleaning of stoves, fridges and inside windows.

➤ **School Social Work Program – Family Wellness (SSWP-FW)**

Available to families experiencing difficulty with their children at school, home or in the community. Intended to encourage cooperation and communication between families, schools

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and community agencies. Could provide short-term counseling and support, resources (references, videos, workshops) and coordinate case conferences.

➤ **Other Projects**

Subject to funding availability, Lacombe County may fund other programs that are deemed to be a benefit to Lacombe County residents and meet the guidelines and requirements of this policy including:

- Mentorship
- Children's Play Groups
- Day Camps
- Youth Programs
- After School Programs
- Seniors' Activities
- Moms and Tots Programs
- Community Outreach Programs
- Community Development

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