

THE CASS REPORT

December 2022

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

This issue:

There are no Statutory Holidays in December.
The office will be closed on December 26th and 27th

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“Winter is a season of
recovery and preparation.”

—Paul Theroux

Creating Excellence Together

Calgary Alternative Support Services and Creating Excellence Together Survey.

Every three years Calgary Alternative Support Services, PDD funded programs, participates in a survey process called Creating Excellence Together (CET). CASS's upcoming survey is scheduled for May of 2023.

Participating in a Creating Excellence Together (CET) Accreditation Standards survey is one way organizations can demonstrate their commitment to quality services. CET is a tool for learning, evaluation, and development. The survey process—which involves regular, on-site visits by an outside party—serves to objectively substantiate and recognize the supports that organizations provide and to provide verification for what is happening in the lives of the individuals accessing service (individuals).

This is an exciting year, CET has, through consultation developed a new set of standards. Over the next few months we will be highlighting what the Standards are, and the indicators of success that will be assessed.

Standard 1: Inclusion

The service provider, with the cooperation and input of individuals accessing service, their families and natural supports, promotes and facilitates opportunities for meaningful participation and active inclusion in the individuals' communities. Participation in a personally meaningful way bolsters belonging, increases social interaction and connection, and supports skill development.

Standard 1 emphasizes:

- Social interaction, inclusion, and participation.
- Effective supports to reduce barriers and support active inclusion.
- Engagement in meaningful, personally engaging and rewarding activities.
- Fostering and promoting independence.

1.1: Community and Social Inclusion

Quality Measure Statement

The services promote inclusion and the value of individuals accessing service as based on their identified needs and desires, and reflective of their interests, skills, and abilities. Individuals are actively connected to their communities, social networks, and families and can explore activities they find enjoyable and personally meaningful.

1.2: Employment and Skill Development and Maintenance

Quality Measure Statement

WHERE TO SEE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

GLOW Calgary Presents: Christmas Around The World Dates: November 25 – December 30

Location: Nutrien Western Event Centre

Airdrie Festival of Lights– Location: Nose Creek Park, Airdrie, AB–
Dates: December 1–31

Light Up The Square –Location: 5th Street Square, East Village–
Dates: December 3

Rotary Festival of Lights
Location: The Malcom Hotel, Canmore– Dates: December 2–31

Christmas Lights at Spruce Meadows
Location: Spruce Meadows

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Walking on Ice for Safety



STAFF TRAINING

Check out the CASS Website – www.c-a-s-s.org for all your training requirements. Once logged in, go to Training in the Staff Quick Links section for a complete list of required (and, some optional) training.

If you have questions email training@c-a-s-s.org

Please let your coordinator know your training days so schedules can be altered to accommodate your client.

Abuse Awareness Training – on the CASS Website - expires every three years

Open Future Learning (OFL) – Two modules of OFL are mandatory for all CASS Staff – “Challenging Behaviours” and “Introduction to Your Role”. Email training@c-a-s-s.org to register for OFL. No expiration.

Challenging Behaviours – Part II – on the CASS Website - no expiration

Medication Administration – If you need Med Admin for your position with CASS, email training@c-a-s-s.org to register for this course. When you have completed the course, please email linda.mcnaull@c-a-s-s.org – to arrange a time for the practicum.

Health and Safety – on the CASS Website – no expiration

First Aid/CPR – First Aid/CPR – Staff needing to update their First Aid/CPR need to be sure the trainer is Government of Alberta OH&S Approved. The following link gives a list of the approved training providers: <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/working-in-alberta/1348.html>

Mental Health First Aid – now available in a Standard (Virtual) Format!

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)– January 18 and 19, 2023 -now available in a Standard (Virtual) Format!

Is the support provided to a person who may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health crisis? The course consists of Module 1 – Self-Directed about 2 hours and Modules 2 and 3 – Virtual Classroom time about 6 hours.

CPI Registration

Updated Process:

- 1) E-transfer the CPI course payment of \$50 CAD (tax included) to cpi@c-a-s-s.org
- 2) Signup for CPI by selecting your preferred date using Calendly link
<https://calendly.com/sarah-mcmillen-cpi/cpi-training>
- 3) DAY 1 CPI Training (Online) - Complete online component no later than the Monday before selected CPI date (link emailed 2 weeks before chosen date). If not completed by then, participant can't attend the DAY 2 CPI Training (In Person)
- 4) DAY 2 CPI Training (In Person) – 09:00 to 15:30 at the old CASS office on the CPI date that was selected. DAY 2 CPI Training includes review/discussions of the online portion and the physicals
- 5) The instructor will email the CPI blue cards to training@c-a-s-s.org upon the completion of the entire CPI training for updating. The original blue cards will be emailed to the participant's home address

