

## Why co-location?

- **Improve services for children and families** by:
  - Having one location for a wide variety of needs
  - Being able to provide a wider range of services due to a cross over between agencies
  - Easier referral process for agency to agency referrals
  - Accessibility due to centralized location
- Potential to **decrease overhead expenses** which can be redirected towards more services for clients
- **Cost savings** in mass purchasing (from stationary to IT services to phones)
- **Improved planning and coordination** between agencies
- Potential for new **funding alternatives** due to integrated community model

## Current Partners:

- Aboriginal Council of Lethbridge
- Alberta Health Services
- ARFAI Architect Inc.
- Behavioral Solutions Inc.
- Body Talk
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brain Trauma Support Society
- Breathtaking Births Professional Doula
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Canadian Paraplegic Association
- Community Conflict Resolution Services
- Community Links
- Davidson & Williams LLP
- Family Ties Association
- Greystoke Homes & Support Services
- Interfaith Food Bank
- It's a BLAST
- Kidney Foundation of Canada
- Lethbridge Community Network
- Lethbridge Family Services
- Lethbridge Food Bank Society
- Lethbridge Legal Guidance
- Lethbridge Seniors Citizens Organization
- Lethbridge Sports Council
- McMan Youth, Family & Community Services
- Office of the Public Guardian
- Opokaa'sin Early Intervention Society
- PEAK
- Rhapsody Music
- SACLA
- Safety City Society of Lethbridge & Area
- SAIPA
- SALAS
- SASHA
- Schizophrenia Society
- Volunteer Lethbridge
- Woods Homes

## History

- Original concept took root in Lethbridge in 1983
- At a September 2004 conference a number of not-for-profit agencies whose mandate is to serve children and families in southern Alberta expressed an interest in initiating a co-location project similar to the Saskatoon Community Service Village because they wanted to strengthen their community based organizations in Lethbridge and to improve services to the community
- In 2005 the Lethbridge Family Circle Association was formed with a mandate to operate the co-location project known as the Family Village
- The following principles were set up to guide the co-location project concept:

**Accessibility:** all agencies involved in the co-location will provide a non-threatening environment by offering services and programs that promote mutual support amongst everyone

**Collaboration:** all agencies involved are committed to strive towards listening and learning from each other to strengthen and enhance the future viability of programs and services they offer the community

**Cooperation:** all agencies involved will make sincere efforts to work collectively for the common good while maintaining the diverse character and personality of their respective agencies



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# LETHBRIDGE FAMILY CIRCLE ASSOCIATION



Concept rendering of Family Village Facility

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# Mission

Lethbridge Family Circle Association is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to develop and operate a co-location site called Family Village that brings together family and community social service organizations to share resources, collaborate and improve access to services for the citizens of Lethbridge and southwestern Alberta.

# Vision for 2020

Family Village is the busy and vibrant home to a collective of mutually supportive member organizations that provides:

- A warm, inviting and inclusive Family Village where people can access supportive services in a socially interactive gathering place
- Accessible and complementary services provided through the collaborative relationships between the community and member organizations
- A place that brings people together to create meaningful relationships that will help them more fully participate in the community
- Expanded services to family and community through the reduction of administrative and operating costs of member organizations by cost sharing and sustainable building ownership
- An enhanced quality of life in our community

**“Clients of these agencies have advocated for the ‘one stop shopping’ concept”**

# Goals for 2009-2012

1. Materials, packages & presentations have been developed to promote and obtain funding for Family Village
2. Citizens and organizations in Lethbridge and southwestern Alberta are aware of the Family Village project
3. Lethbridge Family Circle Association (LFCA) has a well-defined corporate structure
4. The LFCA team is strong, united and energized
5. Contracted commitments for organizations to relocate to Family Village have been obtained
6. LFCA had adequate funding commitments to proceed with building Family Village
7. LFCA has secured a location for Family Village

# Values

- Family and Community
- Collaboration and Cooperation
- Honesty and Integrity
- Accountability and Fiduciary Responsibility
- Health and Safety
- Relationships
- Efficiency
- Accessibility
- Diversity
- Big Picture

