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## Hinton hosts annual consultations for West Zone

### ***Region provides input for Child and Family Services Authority Business Plan***

*Hinton...* Representatives of organizations from Jasper, Hinton, Edson and points in between met at the Hinton Native Friendship Centre in Hinton on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> to provide valuable insight in the area for the North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority (CFSA) 2010-2013 Business Plan.

Those in attendance included representatives from: Town of Hinton, Yellowhead County, Jasper CFS, Alberta Health Services - Addictions, Hinton Friendship Centre, Hinton Youth Centre, Parent Link West Network and several others.

Conversation included topics such as the "Alberta Attitude," provincial economics, prevention, substance abuse, youth challenges, parenting in the new millennium and resource allocation. Participants first identified issues within their communities and worked together to provide possible solutions.



*Pictured above: Working groups participate in a brainstorming session*



“The feedback provided by our community partners is essential to our work with the children, youth and families across our Region,” says North Central Alberta CFSA Co-Chair, Brian Broughton. “The thing that makes our business planning sessions successful is the opportunity to hear the thoughts and opinions of those in the communities we serve. There was a lot of positive discussion generated during this consultation and we look forward to incorporating some of what was said into our future goals.”

The consultation was the third of a series of four that are held in the Region every year. Once the information has been gathered from community partners, the feedback will be used to help develop the 2010-2013 Business Plan.

The North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority is one of 10 such Authorities in the province. It delivers a wide range of services and programs to keep children and youth safe and strengthen families. The Authority serves a rural, culturally diverse region with nearly 140 communities, literally stretching from border to border (Saskatchewan to British Columbia). There are 14 school divisions, 38 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) districts, 4 Métis Settlements, and 5 Delegated First Nations Agencies within its boundaries.

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