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## **North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority Releases the 2008-2009 Annual Report**

*North Central Alberta...* North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority (CFSA), is pleased to announce that the 2008-2009 Annual Report is currently available. The report outlines the targets it had set and the outcomes that were achieved over the fiscal year.

The document highlights some of the CFSA's accomplishments during the 2008/2009 reporting period including:

- 58 children found permanent homes, exceeding the original target of 28 by 107 per cent.
- 1088 child care spaces were created, which exceeded the original target by 125 per cent.
- Approximately 14 Métis children are now receiving culturally appropriate services through a partnership with Métis Settlements CFSA (Region 10).
- High degrees of satisfaction from parents receiving support for children with disabilities and from parents accessing child care services.
- Participation in the establishment of the new Northwest Central Alberta FASD Services Network.
- An increase of 11% in the number of foster homes available within the Region.
- A successful pilot project aimed at increasing the number of kinship placements for children and youth.
- Expansion of mediation services.
- Increased training opportunities through the use of videoconferencing.



“Last year’s report shows a lot of positive outcomes for our Region,” says Board Aboriginal Co-Chair Audrey Franklin, “There are many significant accomplishments to celebrate. We really appreciate all the hard work of our staff in working with communities and partners to realize that kind of success.”

A copy of the report can be viewed on the North Central Alberta Child and Family Services Authority website at (<http://www.northcentralalbertacfsa.gov.ab.ca>).

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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