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Home Support Services offered in Hythe

The County of Grande Prairie is pleased to offer its Home Support services to the Village of Hythe, on a six month trial period, beginning January 2012. Greg Gayton, CAO, for the Village of Hythe explains that the agreement ensures residents in Hythe receive the same level of service as their neighbouring County residents. Gayton adds “this agreement represents a more effective way to administer this much-needed service.”

The service encompasses everything from light housekeeping, meal preparation and driving clients for errands and to doctor appointments, to respite care. Home Support is a subsidized program where the fee is based on a sliding scale determined by family income.

In addition, Home Support is usually provided to its clients every other week, and may be provided weekly, depending on the results of a brief in-home assessment, which is completed by the Home Support Manager. “The goal is to provide our clients with an environment that is clean and safe where they can live as independently as possible,” describes Molly Weleski, Home Support Manager.

Although their client base is generally seniors, Home Support also provides services to pre and post hospitalized patients. “Anyone who is struggling with both short and long term illnesses, and people who are unable to manage their household due to emotional stress can benefit from this service,” says Weleski.

Twelve highly-trained and caring staff members support the existing estimated 120 client-base, which consists of clients from the County of Grande Prairie, the Town of Beaverlodge and the Town of Wembley. Weleski anticipates that there may be a gradual increase to the client-base by adding the Village of Hythe and if necessary, they will recruit and hire more staff to join their team.

Individuals that would like additional information regarding Home Support Services should contact the Home Support Manager, Molly Weleski at 780-532-9727. The County of Grande Prairie contracts FCSS services to the Town of Beaverlodge and Home Support services to the Town of Wembley.

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