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Community School Liaison Program Celebrates 25 Years in the County

The County of Grande Prairie Community School Liaison Program is celebrating 25 years of service. The program provides service to families and children to increase children's success in school. It is operating in the 15 Peace Wapiti School Division schools in the County, and in the Valhalla Community School.

The Community School Liaison Program is also recognized as a leader of one of the first programs of its kind in Alberta.

Director of Family and Community Support Services Kathleen Turner, joined the Community School Liaison Program 24 years ago. She reflects: "The greatest outcome of the program is that kids know there are adults out there that care about what is happening to them and want to help them get through the difficult times and help them celebrate the good ones."

In 1988, the County of Grande Prairie and the County School Board launched the Community School Liaison Program as a two year pilot project. It is now under the umbrella of Family Community Support Services (FCSS).

Acting as a liaison between community agencies, schools and families, it is widely recognized that children are best served when everyone is working together.

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