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## **Child and Family Services Board Welcomes New Members**

Grande Prairie...Region 8 Board Co-Chair Karen Egge and Aboriginal Co-Chair Judy Ostrowski are pleased to announce the appointment of one new and reappointment of four members to the Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority Board of Directors.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Marci Copes Genereux as our new member, as she brings a lot of personal and professional experience working with local Aboriginal people, agencies and community organizations,” said Board Aboriginal Co-Chair Judy Ostrowski. “Marci is a Grande Prairie resident who I know will bring perspective and knowledge to the Region 8 Board and all the communities we serve.”

Marci Copes Genereux is a resident of Grande Prairie who has a background in social work, specifically in the areas of domestic violence and mental health. Marci, a mother of four children, has also previously worked with the John Howard Society in Calgary and other organizations that work with young offenders.

In addition to one new appointment, Hildegard Campsall (Peace River), Grethe Jensen (Little Smoky), Liesa Peters (Buffalo Head Prairie) and Wally Schroeder (La Crete) have all been reappointed to the Board to serve new terms. The Board continues to have member representation that reflects the geographic and demographic nature that exists in the north west region of Alberta.

Board Co-Chair Karen Egge added, “I’m extremely pleased with the knowledge, background and experience which Marci will bring to our Board and the reappointment of four members will strengthen our focus on serving the needs of children and youth in northwest Alberta.”

The Board of Directors of Northwest Alberta CFSA is a 9-member Board comprised of community members from throughout northwest Alberta, who are appointed to the Board by the Minister of Children and Youth Services. Under the CFSA Act, the Board is responsible for overseeing the development and monitoring of regional strategic planning relating to the delivery of Intervention services, Child Care, Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying and Family Supports for Children with Disabilities services in northwest Alberta. For more information on Northwest Alberta CFSA, visit [www.northwestalbertacfsa.gov.ab.ca](http://www.northwestalbertacfsa.gov.ab.ca).

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