



ADVANCING OUR PRACTICE

Across all Aspen programs, the complexity and needs of those seeking services continues to grow.

What does that mean?

Experiencing unemployment or homelessness can feel insurmountable. However, when compounded with additional factors like mental health challenges, low education, social isolation or addictions, these problems tend to interact with and re-enforce each other. It takes a dynamic team to address these multifaceted complexities.

DID YOU KNOW?



1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness in their lifetime



At 7.6% Calgary has the highest unemployment rate of major metropolitan cities across Canada

1 in 3



Calgarians worry about money for housing



More than 50% Of all children living in poverty in Alberta are from “working poor” families

You can support a team that integrates **data, evaluation, targeted training and clinical practice** to best support the complex needs of youth and families in our communities. Aspen's Advancing Practice Team improves the agency's ability to provide **streamlined, innovative and client-centered services**.

By working across all agency programs this team is positioned to guide services differently through the identification of trends, gaps and opportunities for increased collaboration.

THE TEAM



CLINICAL PRACTICE LEAD

Guiding staff across all programs to implement trauma-informed strategies, interventions and tools ensuring the best possible services for vulnerable children, youth and families with complex needs.



TRAINING AND EVALUATION LEAD

Evaluating real-time program data, determining emerging needs and implementing strategic training to meet these needs.



PRACTICE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LEAD

Ensuring we have the infrastructure in place to capture data and guide the agency's work based on identified metrics, trends and gaps.



INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COORDINATOR

Thoughtfully embedding Indigenous practices, activities and resources into all of our work and programming.

Aspen's new Advancing Practice Team is providing direct clinical guidance on complex cases and targeted training to directly meet staff's needs as they support vulnerable children, youth and families through increasingly complex challenges.

Your investment towards Aspen's Advancing Practice Team will provide individuals and families the best possible opportunity to achieve their goals and enhance their lives.

To make an investment in the Advancing Practice Fund or find more information please visit: <https://www.aspenfamily.org/ways-to-give>.