

### PURPOSE

- To provide a framework to guide decisions and actions of the Saskatchewan Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Coordinating Committee and to assist subcommittees in carrying out their work.
- To ensure consistent messages are portrayed.
- To assist in orientation of new committee members and organizations.

### VALUES GUIDING OUR WORK\*

#### Hope...

- By recognizing whenever a woman can stop or reduce her drinking in pregnancy, there is hope for her to have a healthier child;
- By acknowledging supportive intervention makes a difference for all individuals with FASD;
- By recognizing we can make a difference with each thoughtful action toward the prevention of FASD.

#### Respect...

- For the abilities of individuals affected by FASD;
- For the knowledge of those parenting individuals with FASD;
- For all communities in their efforts to address FASD;
- For the rights and capabilities of women and their partners, to make choices about their health and that of their children.

#### Understanding...

- By staying open to new information and being aware and reflective of our own attitudes and values;
- By informing ourselves about the issues and research;
- By not sensationalizing FASD;
- By being sensitive to the impact of a diagnosis on an individual, a family and a community.

#### Compassion...

- By being sensitive to the needs of individuals and families impacted by FASD, and being open to hearing of both their strengths and their problems;
- By being sensitive to the situations of women with alcohol and drug problems, especially by being open to their individual processes of recovery.

#### Cooperation...

- By recognizing the importance of building partnerships within communities in addressing all aspects of FASD.