

Program

Agency Awareness and Connections Breakfast

Abbotsford ACCESS (Action-oriented Community Collaborative for Equitable Supports and Services) is a network of local partners and an initiative of the City of Abbotsford's Housing, Homelessness and Community Development team focused on addressing complex social issues with a multi-agency approach. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.

Mental Health and Substance Use

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 9:00 – 11:00am, *Doors open at 8:30am*

Location: Legacy Sports Centre Banquet Room

- **3270 Trethewey Street – enter off Trethewey street, Gate 1 of Abby Exhibition Park**

8:30am Doors open, breakfast and informal networking

9:00am Welcome and Opening

Emcee: Mike Sikora, Senior Manager, Housing, Homelessness and Community Development
City of Abbotsford

9:05am Agency Updates

9:10am Networking Exercise

Presentations:

9:25am 2025 Fraser Valley Recovery Day Highlights - Kim Friesen, Outreach Worker, **OAT Clinic**

9:30am Supporting Dads - Abby Dads Programming, Jordan Platana and Prabhjot Sidhu, Lead Program Facilitators, Abby Dads, **Archway Community Services**

9:45am Men's Recovery and Treatment, Jim Hueving, Executive Director, **Joshua House Ministries**

10:00am Abbotsford Junction Community Centre, Kaitlin Deschiffart, Clinical Coordinator, Community Substance Use Services, Abbotsford Junction & Day-Evening-Weekend Program (DEW), **Fraser Health**

10:15am New Programming for Women's Recovery, Marie Van de Leur, Executive Director, **L.I.F.E. Recovery Association**

10:30am Fraser East Overdose Response Project, Jennifer Hawkins, Senior Project Manager, Community-based Research, **Centre for Advancing Health Outcomes, University of British Columbia**

10:45am New Detox and Treatment Resource, Jordan White, Clinical Lead, **Telmexwawtexw Healing Centre, Sts'ailes First Nation**

11:00am Event Conclusion

If you would like to connect with our speakers, please find your way to the speaker tables now.