



Youth Advisory Panel Recruitment Package

Alberta

WHO WE ARE

Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority, (CFSA)

- One of ten regions across Alberta
- Includes people like:
 - social workers
 - youth workers
 - group home workers
 - supervisors
 - managers
 - a board of directors
- Responsible for identifying the needs of youth, and their families
- Responsible for planning programs and services for youth, and their families
- Responsible for connecting youth, and their families with quality resources
- Works in the community and with government to keep youth and their families safe

The Youth Advisory Panel

- A group of 6 to 12 youth between the ages of 15 and 22 years old
- Youth live in the Northwest Alberta CFSA region
- Youth members can be any of the following:
 - Live in urban (city) areas
 - Live in rural (country) areas
 - Live in a group home
 - Are street youth
 - Have a disability
 - Have leadership experience
 - Are an ethnic minority
 - Are Aboriginal
 - Are Métis
 - Live in a foster home
 - Live in Semi-Independent Living (SIL)
 - Have experience in youth justice systems
 - Have experience in child welfare systems
 - Are parents
- Youth members meet three times per year face to face and three video conference meeting. Note: Meeting schedule to be confirmed
- Each meeting is one weekend long (begins Friday evening – ends Sunday morning)
- Meetings include paid:
 - Transportation
 - hotel room for the weekend
 - child care if needed
 - meals and snacks
 - entertainment and activities
 - Honorarium (to be determined)

GOALS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL

- To identify what issues are important to youth and affect their lives
- To give youth a choice in the decisions affecting their lives
- To improve the services youth receive
- To identify where services for youth are needed most
- To provide the CFSA with business planning input
- To liaise (work / communicate) with other youth organizations

WHY APPLY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL?

- You will have a voice in the decisions that affect you
- You will make programs, services and resources better for youth
- You will meet other youth who have similar experiences as you
- You will make friends who will celebrate your victories and support you
- You will meet encouraging mentors who can connect you to resources you may need
- You will have a great addition to your résumé and references for work and/or school
- You will be a part of an organization that has the potential to positively impact your life

HOW ARE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS CHOSEN?

- A CFSA committee including one / two youth will review all the applications
- References will be phoned
- A panel of 6-12 youth will be chosen
- Youth not selected will be contacted by phone or email letting them know
- Youth selected will be contacted by phone or email letting them know
- The first meeting will be announced well in advance

HOW TO APPLY

Please send completed email or hard applications to:

- Richard Hayward
Northwest Alberta Child and Family Services Authority
#3001, Provincial Building, 10320 – 99 St
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 6J4
E-mail: Richard.Hayward@gov.ab.ca
Phone: (780) 833-4221 Fax: (780) 538-5137
Online applications at www.northwestalbertacfsa.gov.ab.ca
For help with the application call Richard or Bailie Mitchell @ 780-354-2030

Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Youth Advisory Panel?

What Issues would you like the Youth Advisory Panel to discuss?
What are you passionate about? What are your interests?

Who are the people in your life that you look up to? Why?
Would these people support you in being a member of the Youth Advisory Panel?

REFERENCE

Please provide the name of one adult and one youth in your life that we may contact as a reference.

Name of Reference: _____

Reference Phone # : _____

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CONSENT

If you need any help determining who should sign as your guardian please contact Richard Hayward Northwest Alberta CFSA 780-833-4221 / Richard.Hayward@gov.ab.ca.

Declaration of Consent:

- The information that is provided for this application is true, accurate and complete.
- I authorize the Recruitment Committee to contact my reference(s), if needed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age):

Name of Guardian (please print):

Phone Number (daytime) of Guardian:

Address of Guardian:

Please note: Guardians may be contacted prior to an interview with the applicant.

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