



Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee Recruitment Package

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Have something to say about bullying? Want to have your voice heard by top government decision makers?

The Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee is recruiting new members.

Read on to find out how you can become involved.

Background

The Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying, held in May 2004, established a clear need for action to address the issue of bullying: develop and implement a cross-ministry education and awareness bullying prevention strategy targeted at individuals, families and communities.

A cross-ministry Prevention of Bullying Working Group, consisting of Children and Youth Services, Education, (co-leads), Solicitor General and Public Security, Health and Wellness, Aboriginal Relations, Tourism, Parks and Recreation and the Society for Safe and Caring Schools and Communities have taken a lead in developing and implementing a cross-ministry *Bullying Prevention Strategy* targeted at individuals, families and communities.

The cross-ministry Working Group is supported by the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee, consisting of youth with diverse backgrounds from across the province. The goal of the *Bullying Prevention Strategy* is to raise awareness of what bullying is, to identify what can be done to stop that behaviour, and to encourage a change in societal attitudes and behaviours towards bullying. The youth committee will also work with Youth Networks across the province to address bullying at a community level.

Objectives

The Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee will play a critical role in providing the Working Group with a youth perspective and helping to identify important issues around bullying for youth in Alberta. The Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee will provide the Working Group with feedback and advice on the proposed strategies, recommendations and findings. The youth will develop and comment on new initiatives and campaigns, and may propose improvements or ideas at any time.

The Committee

The Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee will be comprised of 15 to 18 youth from across Alberta, ranging in age from 15 to 22. Panel members will represent a variety of backgrounds and experiences, including members who are Aboriginal, and at risk youth. The group will also represent both rural and urban perspectives. Panel members meet 3-6 times a year. The panel members will serve a maximum of two years and/or will age out after 22.

Past committee members have helped to develop Government's bullying prevention public awareness and education campaigns for children, www.teamheroes.ca, and youth, www.b-free.ca.

Deadline for submission of application is June 30, 2009.

How to Apply

If you are between 15 and 22 years of age and are interested in being a member of the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee, please send **by June 30, 2009** the completed application form, declaration of consent and letter of recommendation to:

Alberta Children and Youth Services

Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee

3rd Floor, Sterling Place

9940 – 106 Street

Edmonton, AB T5K 2N2

Attention: Lindsay Whittaker

Phone: (780) 644-5155, call toll-free by dialing 310-0000

Fax: (780) 427-2039

E-mail: lindsay.whittaker@gov.ab.ca

If you have questions about the committee or about completing the application form, please call Lindsay Whittaker at the number above.

Deadline for submission of application is June 30, 2009.

Application Form

Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee

**Please print clearly.*

Date:

Name:	Date of Birth:
Address: Should your contact information change, please notify Lindsay Whittaker at (780) 644-5155.	Phone Number: Alternate Phone Number: Fax: E-mail:

Why are you interested in being a member of the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee?

What would you have to offer as a member of the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee (e.g., interest in youth issues, experience with child protection services, youth justice, leadership experience, community work, etc.)?

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What are some of the activities that you are involved in (e.g., Youth Forums, school involvement, community work, volunteer work, youth groups, etc.)?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

Would participation on the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee interfere with other commitments you may currently be involved in?

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Letter of Recommendation

Please include a letter of recommendation from a significant person in your life (e.g., community leader, mentor, teacher, minister, etc.).

This person's letter should include the following:

- their relationship to you
- why they believe you would be a suitable candidate for a position on the Alberta Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee
- their full name, address and daytime phone number

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.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Daytime Phone number of Parent or Guardian: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Please note: Parent or Guardian may be contacted prior to an interview with the applicant.

The collection of personal information on this form is authorized under Section 8(1) of the *Government Organization Act* and is managed in compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Any questions regarding the collection and use of your personal information should be directed to Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying, Alberta Children and Youth Services, at (780) 422-5916.

Please ensure you have completed and enclosed the following:

- √ Application Form
- √ Letter of recommendation
- √ Declaration of Consent

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