



## Youth Liaison

### Competition #1393

Youth Liaisons help to transform the ecology surrounding youth to increase the probability of positive change within their lives and the lives of their families. A positive environment surrounding youth prevents involvement with the criminal justice system, which is manifested in safe and crime-free communities and neighborhoods for not only youth, but other community members as well. This is achieved by mobilizing youth and youth-serving agencies to be active agents in sustainable, positive community change. The position reports to the Manager of Community Initiatives.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree in Human Services or Social Work or Community Development
- Community development experience an asset
- Experience working with high risk youth
- Ability to create and manage community based projects/initiatives
- Eligibility for membership in a professional organization
- Effective communication skills with a wide range of individuals
- Ability to work in an integrated service team
- Knowledge of community resources
- Computer Literacy

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Youth Liaisons advocate for youth by:
  - consulting with youth and youth-serving agencies regularly to be informed of current crime and safety issues faced by youth
- Youth Liaisons mobilize youth by:
  - Bringing youth together to be part of the solution to neighborhood crime and safety
  - Seeking out and building relationships with all youth-serving organizations in order to be well-informed of the youth-based capacity in the community
- Youth Liaisons respond to crime and safety issues with innovation and creativity by:
  - Researching local, provincial, national and international responses that can inform practice within Edmonton



- Collaborating with various stakeholders, including youth and youth-serving agencies, in order to develop strength-based, diverse, best-practice informed responses
- Youth Liaisons collaborate to address crime and safety issues and build positive ecology around youth by:
  - Continually researching community organizations, resources and stakeholders to create opportunities to familiarize ourselves with contacts within those organizations; employing those contacts when useful in order to meet particular needs within our work
  - Bridging community partners, residents, families, schools, youth-serving organizations, and municipal and provincial decision-makers to ensure that youth in the targeted areas(s) are being supported effectively and perceived positively
- Youth Liaisons evaluate and understand crime and safety issues, and their root causes by:
  - Evaluating the youth perspective on the issue; addressing apathy, ignorance, and disconnect from the issue at stake and maximizing on the strengths and capacities at hand
  - Understanding how the youth perspective and the perspective of other stakeholders may differ and helping to broker conversations between the two entities
- Youth Liaisons analyze crime and safety issues, root causes and solutions by:
  - Using research based analysis in addition to both the community and youth perspective to understand and define the issue
  - Collecting the opinions and knowledge of the youth population on targeted issues; evaluating how prevalent the youth voice is on the issue and strategizing with young leaders as to getting the youth population more involved

#### **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Police Criminal Record Check and Child and Youth Information Systems Check (must have to start employment and renewed every 3 years)
- Enhanced Police Intervention Check approved through Edmonton Police Services
- Standard First Aide-16 Hours and Suicide Intervention Training-14 Hours (must have within 3 months of employment and refreshed every 3 years)
- Aboriginal Awareness (8 hours within the first twelve months of employment and every year thereafter)



**COMPENSATION**

From \$44,096 to \$56,827 Annually

**CLOSING DATE**

Until Filled

**PLEASE REFERENCE COMPETITION # WHEN FORWARDING  
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