



The Promise of Child & Youth Friendly Communities

The Alberta's Promise commitment of **Child & Youth Friendly Communities** is the promise "to provide safe, caring communities in which children and youth can grow."

Alberta's Promise partners help make Alberta a great place to raise our children and youth. A place where our young people have access to meaningful programs and services, where communities are inclusive places that support our collective well-being, and where children and youth take part in decisions that affect their lives.

Great communities for kids

When communities value children and youth, young people feel safe, engaged, and connected to the people, spaces and decisions that matter to them.

Alberta's Promise agency partners foster child and youth friendly communities through:

- ❑ Programs and services that are financially, physically and culturally accessible;
- ❑ Community events and welcoming spaces that encourage social well-being and connection;
- ❑ Safe play and park spaces in the community;
- ❑ Protection from abuse, neglect, and harm; and
- ❑ Participation in the development of community programs and services that affect young people.

Support organizations and community initiatives that help children and youth feel respected and valued.

Alberta's Promise can help.

Contact us at getstarted@albertaspromise.org or toll-free at 1-866-313-7500.

Tips to create a family-friendly environment

How family-friendly is your organization? Consider the following tips to make your space more inviting for your customers, employees and their families:

- ❑ Greet children and youth, not simply the parents;
- ❑ Create inviting waiting rooms with toys and child-friendly activities;
- ❑ Provide family-friendly washrooms, diaper-changing stations, and breastfeeding spaces;
- ❑ Provide parking spaces and stroller stops for families;
- ❑ Offer volunteer, co-op and internship opportunities for young people; and
- ❑ Sponsor community events and initiatives that bring families and young people together.

The Five Promises

Alberta's Promise helps businesses direct financial, time and in-kind resources to five key developmental building blocks needed by children and youth to reach their full potential in school, work and community:

1. **A Healthy Start**
2. **Caring Adults**
3. **Child & Youth Friendly Communities**
4. **Lifelong Learning**
5. **Opportunities to Contribute**

Learn more at www.albertaspromise.org/FivePromises.