



Calgary Youth Justice Society

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INFORMATION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

There are currently 23 committees and approximately 300 volunteers serving the city of Calgary. Committees are formally sanctioned by the Solicitor General of Alberta and work with the Calgary Youth Attendance Centre (CYAC) and the Calgary Youth Justice Society (CYJS) to administer the Extra-Judicial Sanctions Program under the federal government's Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA). While the CYAC coordinates the Extra-Judicial Sanctions program for the city, the CYJS coordinates all matters relating to committee volunteers (e.g., training, service recognition).

Each Youth Justice Committee serves from 5 to 10 communities in one of four geographic quadrants in the city. If you go forward with volunteering you will be placed with the committee serving your area -- providing there is a vacancy and after you have successfully completed a training course. You may read more about the role of committees at our web site www.calgaryyouthjustice.com.

If after reading the information at our web site and the attached "Volunteer Job Description" you wish to proceed with volunteering, please complete the Application Form forwarded to you and return it to the Volunteer Coordinator by email (volunteer@calgaryyouthjusticesociety.com) or fax to 212-8926. Once received, the form will be forwarded to the Chair of the committee in your area to see if there is a vacancy for you. If a vacancy exists, the Chair will likely set up a meeting to determine if you will be a good fit for the committee, and answer any questions you may have. It is recommended that before committing to volunteer, you ask the Chair questions about how many hours will be expected of you and what your role will be as each committee is somewhat different in terms of structure, operation and approach. If there is no vacancy in the Youth Justice Committee covering the area in which you reside, we will look for a spot in a nearby committee.

Once you have been accepted into a committee, the Chair will contact the Calgary Youth Justice Society to book you on the next New Volunteer Training course. Courses run every two months and take place once a week over three weeks from 7-9:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. **Please note that you will be required to take an Oath of Office (Government of Alberta), and complete a Criminal Record Check (Calgary Police Service) and Child Intervention Check (Alberta Child and Family Services) during the course.**

*Thank you for your interest in volunteering
with a Youth Justice Committee!*