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## ALBERTA MENTORING PARTNERSHIP 2017-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

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The Alberta Mentoring Partnership (AMP, the Partnership) envisions an Alberta where mentoring relationships help young people thrive. AMP is comprised of community agencies, government ministries, government-funded organizations and community members whose goal is to raise the profile of mentoring in Alberta for the purpose of improving the lives of young people.

Since its creation in 2008, AMP has received support and funding from the Government of Alberta. Significant in-kind contributions have also been made by government and non-government members. The Partnership has been co-chaired by representatives of the Ministries of Education and Human Services and Boys & Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area.

AMP has over 120 partners who support mentoring throughout Alberta.

As the leading mentoring resource in Alberta, AMP has been successful in supporting agencies and schools in enhancing the mentoring opportunities available to Alberta's young people. The role and priorities of AMP have evolved since its inception in 2008. The early stages of AMP focused on increasing the profile of mentoring, and its many benefits and ensuring interested organizations had the necessary tools and resources to provide effective and safe programs for young people. In its growth phase (2011-2017) AMP continued promotional efforts and worked with partners to develop the necessary tools, resources and training to enhance mentoring opportunities and improve access to mentoring research and best practices. AMP has completed comprehensive evaluations every three years, which provide detailed accounts of AMP's activities and impact.

### Why Mentoring?

Research shows that being involved in a mentoring relationship has a positive impact on a young person's school attendance and completion, social skills, attitude, and behaviour with friends and family. Mentoring is also shown to play a role in preventing or reducing child/youth involvement in alcohol, drugs, and crime.<sup>1</sup>

### Looking Forward

The scope of work continues to expand. AMP will continue to bring new approaches to expand and enhance mentoring, and continue to mobilize evidence-informed resources. AMP will continue to work with partners to continue to strengthen the network of individuals, schools and agencies that are working to enhance mentoring relationships. AMP continues to be seen as a leader among pan-Canadian partners

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<sup>1</sup> Tierney, J.P., Grossman, J.B., and Resch, N. (1995). Making a Difference: An Impact Study of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Public/Private Ventures. Available online at [<http://ppv.issuelab.org/resources/11972/11972.pdf>].

and this reputation will assist us in initiating conversations with mentoring partners in other parts of Canada to leverage additional resources. This work will continue to expand our ability to report on the benefits being realized through mentoring in Alberta. The diagram on the following page outlines the vision, mission, three strategic pillars and the strategic goals that will guide our work towards the long-term outcome in the next three years (2017-2020).

# AMP 2017-2020 Strategic Plan Overview

