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The Alberta Mentoring Partnership's **Mentoring Minute**



AMP In the Community



On September 22 & 23 the AMP team had the opportunity to attend the Beginning Teachers Conference at Fantasyland Hotel! AMP is happy to be repping mentoring-in-schools, it was a great time to have warm conversations with wonderful educators.

Register for AMP's Summit 2023

Giving Them Our Best: Youth Mentoring Through Natural Supports



Annual Summit
October 19, 2023
at the Edmonton Inn

An in-person event Supporting Teen Mentoring in Schools

Target Audience:

Youth Jr. & Sr. High School Students,
Educators, Natural Supports Leaders
Schools, Mentoring Organizations and
Agencies, Youth Serving Organizations,
Youth Leaders

Session Themes:

Social Snacking, Youth Voice, Career &
Technology Studies, Youth Panel, School
Spotlight

Food Service Provided

Food and refreshments included
during the afternoon break & closing
ceremony

Registration Fee: \$80

Youth/Students attend for FREE!

Time	Activity	Who
8:00 – 8:30	Registration	
8:30 – 8:45	Opening Prayer & Smudge	Bernard Dumas
8:45 – 8:50	Welcome	Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides
9:00 – 10:00	Keynote	Cheryl Whiskeyjack
10:00 – 10:30	Break & Social Snacking	
10:30 – 11:45	Natural Supports Panel	
10:30 – 11:45	PhotoVoice Workshop (Youth Session)	
11:45 – 12:30	Lunch Break	
12:30 – 1:00	Youth Panel	
1:00 – 1:30	School Spotlight	
2:00 – 3:00	Interactive Social Snacking Session	
3:00 – 3:15	PhotoVoice Update	
3:15 – 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 3:35	Closing	Honourable Searle Turton
3:45 – 4:30	Performance	Dallas Arcand Jr.

Giving Them Our Best: Youth Mentoring Through Natural Supports

Description/Overview:

Alberta Mentoring Partnership believes in the transformational role of mentorship in the development and wellbeing of Alberta's youth and communities. As educators, service providers, researchers, and youth, we all contribute towards healthy communities through Natural Supports—mutually beneficial relationships. Natural Supports are less formalized mentoring relationships that include close connections such as family and friends, and broader connections such as neighbours, teachers and coaches.

Our morning keynote, Cheryl Whiskeyjack, will inspire us as she shares about the responsibility we all have in mentoring youth, and the powerful ways mentorship can shape communities.

Join AMP in-person at the Edmonton Inn on October 19, 2023, to learn and experience how natural supports can complement your mentoring initiatives and the youth in your community.

Registration is now live! Get your tickets for Alberta Mentoring Partnership's 2023 Summit - *Giving Them Our Best: Mentoring Youth Through Natural Supports!*

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[Download the Full Summit Brochure](#)



Performer | Dallas Arcand Jr.

Dallas Arcand Jr. is an accomplished second generation hoop dancer and aboriginal entertainer from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Starting from an early age, he's been in front of crowds of up to 40,000 people at the Calgary Stampede Rodeo half time show with his father, 3 time World Champion, Dallas Arcand Sr.

[Register Today!](#)

Teen Mentoring Toolkit

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TOOLS FOR PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING AND EVALUATING A QUALITY SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY-BASED TEEN MENTORING INITIATIVE

Teen Mentoring Toolkit



The AMP team is excited to showcase our updated version of the Teen Mentoring Toolkit, created with the direction and support of Caroline Gosling!

This dynamic toolkit provides you with the preliminary resources needed to start your own Teen Mentoring program. The toolkit is intended to be a starting point and will supply you with the key elements needed to develop quality teen mentoring. The toolkit and its contents will need to be adapted to your specific school community and its unique strengths, challenges and values.

[Check It Out!](#)

NCSA Connections App



This week we're excited to be featuring the [Connections App](#) created by the Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA)!

This App was created for Indigenous youth and young adults ages 14-26 with program info, resources, tips, and life skills.

Discover topics such as:

- Culture and Spirituality
- Mental Health
- Housing
- Employment and Education
- Food
- Financial Support and more!

The app was developed in close consultation with youth in care/formerly in care, support workers and the Office of the Child and Youth, and in partnership with the Alberta Ministry of Children's Services.

Explore the app today by downloading it at no cost from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#).

Get Connected Today!

Evaluation Moment

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Monthly supports for using evaluation to enhance your programming

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How to Grow Evaluative Thinking in Organizations

Closely linked to increasing the evaluative thinking in an organization is the evaluation culture an organization has. That is the attitudes, beliefs, and values an organization and its members have towards evaluation. A component to this is recognizing that an evaluation and its resulting data is a learning opportunity. To help gain this perspective, validate your coworkers beliefs and thoughts towards evaluation, educate them in the benefits of and purposes behind evaluations, and work collaboratively to develop evaluations!

References:

<https://evaluationintoaction.com/wp-content/themes/eia/images/EIA%20Whitepaper%20-%20Building%20a%20Culture%20of%20Program%20Evaluation.pdf>

<https://www.betterevaluation.org/tools-resources/building-evaluative-culture-for-effective-evaluation-results-management>

FUN FACT!

Organizations who adopt an evaluative culture tend to be action-oriented, truth-seeking, ethical and democratic, and anticipate future implementation of evaluation findings rather than reacting when they arrive.



[Learn More](#)

BGCBigs: Game Changers

GAME CHANGERS



Boys & Girls Clubs



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Edmonton & Area (BGCBigS)



PLAYER 2 NEEDED!

**APPLY
TODAY**



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/VOLUNTEER**

This new and exciting pilot project is designed specifically for male children, youth and volunteers*. We've taken the guesswork out of being a volunteer mentor with this simple site-based program format. All you need to do is show up, once per week for a couple of hours, at one of our select locations ready to play sports and board games, participate in hands-on projects and so much more! There are two convenient programs to choose from, each running over the course of the school year. By just showing up you could ***Be a Game Changer*** in the life of a young person, helping to set them up for future success—in games and in life.

Choose from one (1) of two (2) Site-based Programs:

- **Tuesdays at Caernarvon Elementary School (Location: 14820-118 Street) from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

Programmed activities will take place in the school gym in groups of 2-3 and 4-6 mentees. Activities will be focused on sports and games.

- **Thursdays at West Club (Location: 16030-104 Avenue) from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

Programmed activities will be one-to-one and will focus on sports, board games, hands-on projects and more.

Apply Today

Stay updated on upcoming events!

View Event Calendar

Does your agency have an event coming up? Or a great story that the world needs to hear? Let us know!

The Alberta Mentoring Partnership wants to help spread your message far and wide.

Submit Your Event



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