

PLEASE PRINT ON YOUR LETTERHEAD

RE: Expression of Interest letter of support for the BC-IYSI network of integrated service centres for youth and young adults.

To: BC Integrated Youth Service Initiative,

I am writing in support of Community Connections (Revelstoke) Society's expression of interest application for a youth services centre.

Discuss your organization, service, how you engage youth or a gap you have seen in our community related to you

INCLUDE (read these as points to address in specific ways related to your organization, Community Connections, the gaps in our community, and the strength of our community with regard to collaborations):

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROJECT

Discuss your role or relationship with Community Connections (i.e. how long you have worked with Community Connections; your familiarity with Community Connections credentials and their work in the community; past collaborations). Speak to how a central youth services centre will address gaps and needs in our community, speak to your knowledge of the already existing collaborations and services that this sort of funding will expand on and reinforce. If you are familiar with any of the many reports we have completed in our community, each one has stated that a central youth space is necessary, if you or your organization has worked on one of these reports, please reference it as a "next steps" as identified by our community.

Commitment to supporting a youth hub

Speak to past and current collaborations in our community

Speak to gaps you are familiar with and how a dedicated space would address these gaps, especially the importance of a central, accessible space that offered multiple services and space

Relevance of this space in our community

please address these core services (and gaps in our community related), as well as ancillary services.

How will your organization support a youth hub specifically?

CORE (these areas must be offered in the hub):

Primary Care

Mental Health Services

Substance Use Services

Social Services

Youth and Family

ANCILLARY (these may be offered & have been high lighted as areas where we need to develop space in our community):

Financial Literacy
Youth Space for recreation & gathering
Housing
Food security
Alternative educational space (tutoring, alternative space, outreach)
Connections to employment services

Speak to the impact that this sort of space will have on our youth and young adult population.

Thank you!!