Youth & Adult Focus Groups: Appendix A

TERM DEFINITIONS

These definitions were generated from the results of the <u>Youth Safer Communities</u> <u>Survey</u> data. This means that these definitions were created by and for youth in Chestermere, Langdon, and SE Rocky View County.

Safety

To youth, safety means that:

- Their body will not be harmed.
- They have access to emergency services, basic necessities, and a place and/or person that they can go to when they need them.
- They do not feel scared or anxious.

Safe Space

Characteristics of a safe space are:

- It includes positive ideas, friends, and fun things.
- It is non-judgmental, quiet, and private.
- Youth feel accepted, welcomed, loved, happy, respected, and comfortable.
- And it is a place where they can think freely and express themselves freely.