

What Can I Do Now?

Next Steps Guide - Youth Safer Communities Project

The next steps for our community are outlined in Appendix E (Youth & Adult Reports) as recommendations. For a broad overview of how to engage with these recommendations, please see the suggestions below:

- Read both Appendix E - to familiarize yourself with the recommendations relevant to your role in the community and/or organization.
- Identify and initiate the steps you must personally take to contribute to these recommendations.
- A useful exercise may be to print off Appendix E and highlight the applicable recommendations.

- Engage your organization in this work.
- Dedicate resources to addressing these recommendations.
- Use these recommendations to guide strategic planning, program development, evaluation efforts, and more.

- Educate others on these issues.
- Start conversations with other community members and youth.
- Help increase awareness of youth experiences of safety and wellbeing.

- Advocate for changes for youth in our communities.
- Find ways to support their voices and make these changes happen.

- Dedicate ongoing time to discuss, reflect on, and evaluate your personal and professional work towards addressing the recommendations.

The Chestermere and Area Community Coalition plans to evaluate the impact of the recommendations from this project. Key questions to keep in mind are:

1. Which recommendations have been engaged with? What progress has been made?
2. Which recommendations have not been engaged with? What barriers are preventing this work?
3. How effective has the response been from community agencies and community members?
4. What are the emerging issues and needs?