

Foundry Youth and Family Ambassador Program

Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Foundry's Youth and Family Ambassador Program (YFAP), an exciting community-based, nation-wide initiative designed to provide a space for youth and families interested in, and working toward, the development of Integrated Youth Services (IYS) in their communities. The term "Integrated Youth Services" refers to a wide a variety of health and social services that work together through meaningful community partnerships to treat a young person holistically, whatever their needs may be. Through this program you will have a unique opportunity to contribute to the transformation of these services for young people and their families. You will participate in a network for IYS advocacy, sharing your experiences with other ambassadors across the country.

As an ambassador, you will have an opportunity to:

- Work virtually with a small cohort of ambassadors to develop an IYS project (which could be the co-creation of resources/tools, research or an activity)
- Participate in ongoing virtual training (ie: facilitation skills, project management, community development) to support you as you develop your project.
- Share your experiences, learnings, questions, and ideas with other ambassadors in your cohort through monthly meetings (every second month, all cohorts will meet together)
- Participate in a virtual National IYS Conference in the spring of 2024 bringing together youth and families to share experiences and champion IYS.

You will have access to ongoing support from a team at Foundry's central office. Honoraria will be provided.

Your time commitment will be:

May 2023 – March 2024: 3-4 hours per month

We aim to recruit as diverse a group as possible. Participants will ideally have lived/living experience with, or have cared for a young person with, mental health and/or substance use challenges. The ability to work remotely is required.

Name:

I am applying as a Youth (ages 12 – 24) _____ Age _____ (Applicants under 16 years of age are asked to apply together with an Adult Ally)

I am applying as a Family Member/Caregiver _____

Mailing Address:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone Number:

1. Tell us a bit about yourself (Max 200 words).
2. Why do you want to be a youth or family IYS ambassador? (Max 150 words)
3. What does Integrated Youth Services (IYS) mean to you? (Max 150 words)
4. What is your vision for IYS in your community? (Max 150 words)
5. What leadership skills, strengths, and passions would you bring to the ambassador role? (Max 200 words)
6. What would you like to learn from the opportunity to be an ambassador? (Max 150 words)
7. On a scale from 1-10, how comfortable are you with government/policywork? (10 being very comfortable, 1 being not comfortable at all – there is no correct response here – we are just trying to determine interest)

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Please attach one letter of reference describing why you are a good fit for this role. This letter can come from a friend or family member, a teacher or principal, an employer, a mentor, or an organization you do advocacy work with, etc.

For more information please contact:

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PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REFERENCE LETTER IN A PDF TO:
YFAP@foundrybc.ca by Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm (PST).

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND A TWO HOUR ORIENTATION ON
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