



## Application Form

## | Foundry Youth and Family Ambassador Program

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 wholistically, whatever their needs may be. Through this program you will have a unique opportunity to contribute to the transformation of these services in your community, whether that means building a wellness centre or starting a community dialogue. You will participate in a network for IYS advocacy, sharing your experiences with other ambassadors across the country.

### **As an ambassador, you will have opportunities 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 (i.e., 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 regular virtual meetings (every second month, all cohorts will meet together); and,
- 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 to March 2024      3 to 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.

## Individual Application Form

I am applying as a Youth (ages 12-29)\*

I am applying as Family Member / Caregiver

### YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Age:

\*(Applicants under 16 years of age are asked to apply in a team with an Adult Ally)

Full Mailing Address:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone Number:

Are you a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Yes

No

**Tell us a bit about yourself (e.g., interests, volunteer/employment experience, hobbies, etc.)** (Max 200 words)

**On a scale from 1-10, how comfortable are you with government/policy work? (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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**Why do you want to be a youth or family IYS ambassador?** (Max 150 words)

**What does Integrated Youth Services (IYS) mean to you?** (Max 150 words)

**What is your vision for IYS in your community?** (Max 150 words)

**What leadership skills, strengths, and passions would you bring to the ambassador role?** (Max 150 words)

**What would you like to learn from the opportunity to be an ambassador?** (Max 150 words)

**THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM! HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NEXT:**

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

**Please send your completed application form and letter of reference (in PDF) by email (Subject: < YFAP Application - Your Name >) to: [agear@foundrybc.ca](mailto:agear@foundrybc.ca) AND [sbali@foundrybc.ca](mailto:sbali@foundrybc.ca) by Monday, June 5th, 2023 at 5:00 pm (PST)**

**For more information please contact:**

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**You should receive a confirmation that we have received your application within 1 week of submission. If you do not receive a confirmation, please follow up.**