

DRAYTON VALLEY INTERAGENCY

2020 / 2021

PURPOSE

The Drayton Valley Interagency Group exists to provide and enhance opportunities for the following:

Information Sharing: To facilitate information sharing amongst agency managers and staff about current and planned community programs, events, services, initiatives, and other important developments

Support: To foster mutual support amongst service providers regarding community development, agency management, and service delivery and improvement

Cooperation: To encourage collaboration & co-operation, both formally and informally, amongst network agencies

Advocacy: To amplify "community voice" on issues of concern to agencies and community residents by creating a community forum for identifying problems, sharing ideas, learning together, and seeking solutions

MEETING DATES

- September 29, 2020
 - October 27, 2020
 - November 24, 2020
 - January 26, 2021
 - February 23, 2021
 - March 30, 2021
 - April 27, 2021
 - May 25, 2021
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Meetings start at 10am
Drayton Valley Libraries
Main Branch - 5120 52 Street
Drayton Valley, AB

Between Town Office & Fire Services
*COVID-19: Call for Zoom Log In information.

CONTACT & GROUP EMAIL INFO

To post to this group, send email to
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Visit this group online (and see all posts) at
groups.google.com/group/dvinteragency

To request invite to this group, send email to
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OBJECTIVES

Some objectives that the interagency group aim to achieve are as follows:

- To improve interagency communications through monthly gatherings, & the distribution of agency materials and discussion
- To enhance communication and support for one another in thinking, planning, and acting in areas of common concern, including:
 - a. raising community awareness about agency programs, services, and events
 - b. increasing participation of residents in programs, services, and events
 - c. seeking to avoid duplication when need is adequately met, and to use resources effectively
 - d. understanding and responding to community need by seeking to fill gaps in programming
 - e. developing and taking a coordinated approach to service and program delivery
- To provide opportunities and occasions for agency managers and workers, government officials, and community residents to learn from each other and enhance cross-cultural understanding, community development, effective and innovative community service, and other areas of common interest.
- To provide forum and opportunities for like-minded agencies and individuals to connect and take action on current community issues and concerns. Participants may choose to form committees to respond with projects and other activities.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Agency participation in the Interagency Group is voluntary. Participation is open & inclusive to anyone who wishes to join in gatherings, committees, projects or events. It is assumed that participant agencies have a strong interest in serving Drayton Valley / Brazeau County individuals, families and groups.

Possible participants may include directors, managers, and staff of agencies that serve in Drayton Valley / Brazeau County areas. Participation by the following community-based and county-wide agencies is welcome:

- **Community Schools and School Boards**
- **Community-Based Organizations**
- **Community Associations, Non-Profits and Charities**
- **Citizen groups**
- **Municipal Government departments and agencies**
- **Provincial Government departments and agencies**
- **Federal Government departments and agencies**
- **David Thompson Health Region**
- **Alberta Health Services**
- **Faith Communities**
- **And other concerned human service agencies**

Participating agencies can provide the current names of agency managers and staff, including the email contacts, for inclusion in a group email contact list. This is an unpublished email list through Google Groups for sharing information between approved members only. Inclusion on the group email list implies support for and participation in the Interagency gatherings, sharing information with members, and nothing more.

MEETING INFORMATION

Interagency Meetings are held approximately 8 or more times per year; usually monthly throughout the Academic year, with the first meeting usually in September, and the last meeting finishing up at the end of May. Meetings are not normally held near Christmas or during summer holidays.

The gatherings are ad-hoc and inclusive in nature. That is, whoever is able to attend is welcome to attend. There will be a chance to share current information and to discuss upcoming events, and network with other agencies.

Participants are encouraged to bring and distribute printed information, business cards, and monthly planning calendars to share and foster strategic partnerships and cooperation, but to keep their presentations short and to the point, to allow everyone equal time to speak. No minutes are kept, but participants can keep their own notes and can take materials from the meeting back to their agencies for posting or sharing with other staff.