

# Regional Collaborative Service Delivery

## What is Regional Collaborative Service Delivery?

Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) is an approach to ensure children, youth and families have access to supports they need to be successful at school and in the community.

It is a partnership among school authorities, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Human Services and other community stakeholders. These partners work together to identify and meet the needs of children and youth within a given region. There are 17 RCSD regions across the province.

Supports and services available in a particular region depend on what service priorities have been identified by the regional partners. Supports can include, but are not limited to mental health supports, speech-language therapy and occupational therapy.

## What does Regional Collaborative Service Delivery do?

RCSD is an approach to more effectively meet the learning needs of children and youth and to support their well-being. Its purpose is to support regions in providing streamlined, co-ordinated and enhanced access to supports and services for children and youth

to be successful in school and in their community.

The goal is to ensure that children and youth have access to the right supports at the right time. This is achieved by:

- improving access to supports;
- building capacity within communities;
- including school staff, service providers and families; and
- by improving integration and co-ordination of services.

## How does Regional Collaborative Service Delivery work?

RCSD partners collaborate within the 17 provincial regions. Partners include school authorities, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Human Services (including Child and Family Services, Family Support for Children with Disabilities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities) and community organizations and stakeholders that deliver supports and services.

Priorities vary according to identified regional needs and plans. All regional collaborative supports must improve a child or youth's ability to take part in his or her educational program or community.

## Who does Regional Collaborative Service Delivery support?

The approach is intended to better meet the needs of the following demographics:

- Children or youth who are registered with Alberta Education in Early Childhood Services (ECS) to Grade 12.
- Children and youth with complex needs\* between the ages of 0 and 20 years old.
- Children and youth (from birth to 20 years old) with a low-incidence disability, including:
  - Blind or Visually Impaired (BVI);
  - Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH);
  - Deafblind (DB); and
  - Complex Communication Needs (CNN).
- School staff, families and service providers who need cross-sector training or skill development in relation to collaboratively supporting children and youth in school and in the community.

- \* Children and youth with complex needs are those who, due to the severity of their impairment(s), require significant extraordinary care and who require services from more than one government ministry. This may include children and youth:
- with multiple impairments, complex mental health and health issues and/or severe behavioural needs;
  - who have utilized all available resources with limited success;
  - who require fiscal and human resources that strain the capacity of any one ministry; and

- for whom there are questions about the safety of the child, youth, family or public.

## How is Regional Collaborative Service Delivery funded?

The Government of Alberta provides funding for RCSD.

Funding is distributed to each region through a funding allocation aimed at supporting collaboration and enhancing supports for children and youth.

## How can I learn more about Regional Collaborative Service Delivery?

### TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

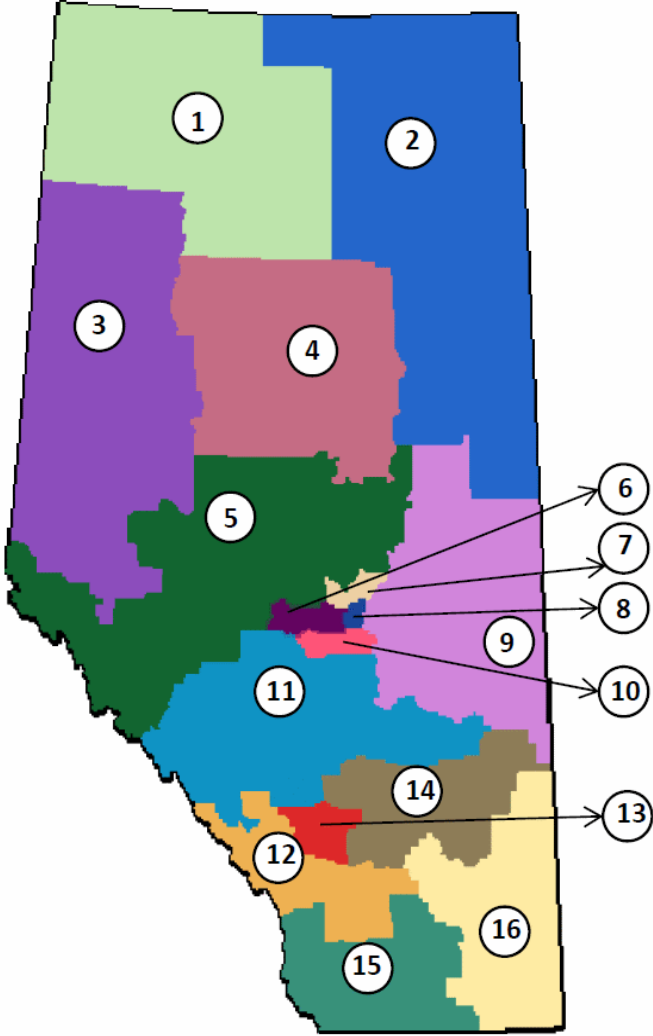
Contact your school authority representative or RCSD regional manager. Please see next page for contact information.

### PARENTS

Please talk to your child's teacher, school administrator or local service provider about the supports that may be available for your child. If your child is not enrolled in school, contact your RCSD regional manager.



## Regions and Regional Managers



- 1. Northern Lights RCSD
- 2. Wood Buffalo RCSD
- 3. Peace Country RCSD
- 4. Northern Lakes RCSD
- 5. Aspen Collaborative Services RCSD
- 6. Parkland and Area RCSD
- 7. St. Albert and Sturgeon RCSD
- 8. City of Edmonton RCSD
- 9. Eastern Edge RCSD
- 10. Leduc and Area RCSD
- 11. Central Alberta RCSD
- 12. Bow River RCSD
- 13. Calgary and Area RCSD
- 14. Central East Collaborative RCSD
- 15. Southwest Alberta RCSD
- 16. Southeastern Alberta RCSD
- 17. Réseau RCSD (Francophone)

