

# *Working Together*

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## **Appendix F**

### ***Other Types Of Organizations***

In each community, there are likely a range of public, non-profit, and private organizations that provide programs and opportunities for children and young people. They are community assets. Before developing new programs for children and young people, it is important to be well aware of the full range of community activities and resources.

### ***Arts Organizations***

Arts organizations and businesses provide instruction and performance opportunities in diverse arts disciplines. Research indicates that involvement in the arts has positive impacts on children and young people's successes in other areas such as schools.

### ***Churches***

Local churches often have youth clubs and outreach programs, and have physical facilities that others can use.

### ***Community Centres***

While often seen as largely focusing on sports and physical recreation, many community centres also offer a diverse range of resources for children and young people, from arts to literacy. Some community centres have also focused on community outreach and leadership development activities for youth.

### ***Drug And Alcohol Agencies***

Many drug and alcohol agencies, while providing direct services to people who are substance abusers, also offer preventive education programs for children and youth.

## ***Literacy Centres***

While these centres may tend to focus on the basic skills of reading and writing, literacy is often seen in much broader terms, encompassing emotional, artistic, and relational skills and capacities.

## ***Neighbourhood Houses***

Neighbourhood Houses have a long history of providing diverse programs for children, youth, and families in inner city communities.

## ***Roots Of Empathy***

This is a national program delivered in elementary schools, focused on building the capacities of children to understand and develop their own emotional and relational skills.

## ***Schools***

Children and young people spend a significant proportion of their time in schools. Their success in schools is key to their life long love of learning. Many schools have their own approaches to helping children and young people develop capacities beyond academic issues, from physical fitness to social responsibility, either provided directly by teachers and counsellors, or brought in from outside organizations.

## ***Sports Leagues***

In many communities, there are sports leagues that engage children and young people in learning, skill development, play, and competition. Often, coaches become very important mentors in the lives of children and young people.

## ***YMCA's and YWCA's***

YMCA and YWCA agencies offer a range of physical and social programs for children and young people.