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RESOURCE LIST FOR BLACK PEOPLE IN ALBERTA

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Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the *Resource List for Black People in Alberta*, provided by the Health and Immigration Policies and Practices Research Program. As high school students from Edmonton, Alberta, we created this resource list as part of our research training during the Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program (BYMLP).

Our resource list includes 24 different categories covering a broad range of topics. Some examples include immigration services, youth resources, community organizations and events, anti-racism resources, and many more. The resources included in this list are based all around Alberta, and some can also be accessed in other provinces throughout Canada.

The purpose of this resource list is to spread knowledge of available resources for Black Albertans. We hope it will improve the quality of life of Black Albertans by providing an easily accessible source of information that can be used to benefit all Black individuals, no matter their age or where they are from.



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Academic Resources

[Black Bookshelf Project](#)

- The Black Bookshelf Project helps provide schools, families, and other organizations with books written by Black and other POC. They also include POC as characters in the books they write to further represent POC in media, especially for children.
- “Providing schools and early education centers with easy access to books and resources written and developed by Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color (BIPOCs).”
- BFCN provides a whole database of scholarships for Black students who are pursuing undergraduate studies in Canada.
- “A scholarship directory for students who are pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education in Canada. Together we can achieve success, one student, one adult, one family at a time.”

[Blanche Macdonald Centre Black Canadian Scholarship Program](#)

- The Blanche Macdonald Centre is committed to nurturing and raising the profiles of Black talent across the fashion, film, makeup, hair, and esthetics industries. They have created scholarships to help Black Canadians study with them.

[Black Women United](#)

- Black Women United advocates for professionals, blue collar workers, academics, activists, artists, and immensely proud Sisters of the Diaspora residing in Edmonton, Alberta. They seek to disrupt the colonial “divide and conquer” and love one another.

[Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program](#)

- The BYMLP is an interdisciplinary mentorship program for Black youth provided by the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta. The program was founded by Dr. Bukola Salami, RN, MN, PhD.
- The program seeks to socially and economically empower Black youths to contribute meaningfully to society. Students enrolled in the program will attend workshops, improve their academic skills, gain practical and/or research experience, and be exposed to student and/or faculty mentors in either individual or group format.

[Bredin Centre for Career Advancement](#)

- The Bredin Centre provides responsive services that empower and connect people to fully contribute to the community through creative pathways to education and employment.

[Calgary Black Chambers \(CBC\) Scholarship Fund](#)

- Since 2019, the Calgary Black Chambers has been elevating Black students, youths, and professionals to aspire to their biggest dreams. With scholarships being a core value, the CBC works to provide students with financial aid to help them reach their goals.
- In partnership with the Calgary Foundation, the Calgary Black Chambers Scholarship Fund (CBCSF) was established in 2020 with the goal of supporting and promoting the academic achievements of Calgary’s Black students. Despite the fact many Black students believe they can succeed in post-secondary education, numerous barriers are in their way. The CBC hopes to make their journey less arduous through its support.

[Calgary Board of Education](#)

- The Calgary Board of Education has the largest school district in Western Canada. They work on personalizing the learning experience so that each student is engaged, inspired, and leaning to their full potential.
- Their mission is to help students complete high school with the foundation of learning necessary for life to thrive in life work and continue learning.

[Calgary Catholic School District](#)

- The Calgary Catholic School District educates and empowers students through the mission of living and learning in their Catholic faith, so that students centered in Christ can realize their full potential.

[Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute \(DDLI\) listing of scholarships for African Canadians 2020 edition](#)

- This booklet features scholarships for which African Canadians are eligible. Each scholarship is identified, along with a summary of the criteria and a website link.

[Edmonton Catholic Schools](#)

- Edmonton Catholic Schools is a school division that is committed to offering Christ-centered learning. Every aspect of students’ education is aligned to offer an excellent Catholic education.

[Edmonton Public Schools](#)

- Edmonton Public Schools is the public school system for the City of Edmonton. They are focused on ensuring each student learns to their full potential and develops the ability and passion to pursue their dreams and contribute to their community.

[Edmonton Public Library \(EPL\)](#)

- EPL is a great resource that shares expertise, information, technology, and space with Edmontonians for learning, connecting, creating, and enriching communities.
- Their vision is to make EPL a gathering place for people and ideas, which enables a lifetime of learning and possibility for all Edmontonians.

[Grad Schooling While Black](#)

- This blog is a platform that encourages storytelling, resource sharing, as well as community building that supports Black academic students as they pursue their education. Mentorship opportunities and webinars are offered to connect with Black students.
- The bloggers work to provide Black students with growth opportunities and chances to communicate with others in this community by sharing stories and resources with each other.

[GrantMe BIPOC Scholarship](#)

- This award seeks to support students who show commitment to strengthening their communities—whether that is through celebrating their identity, overcoming personal challenges, or engaging in leadership work. The award is open to any student in Grade 9 to 12 or post-secondary. The \$1,000 scholarship is offered two times a year, so it is never too late to apply.
- GrantMe makes navigating postsecondary easy.

[Lethbridge School Division](#)

- Lethbridge School Division’s website provides lots of information about schooling in Lethbridge. They provide a variety of programs extending from their E-learning pilot project to their French immersion programs.

[ProjectGiveBack](#)

- ProjectGiveBack is a scholarship that is designed for Black women who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and a commitment to give back to the Black community.

[RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Black Youth](#)

- The RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Black Youth is an innovative, new program designed to empower and enable. Through the scholarship, Black youth will be supported in achieving their goals by receiving financial and mentorship support from RBC and its community partners.
- The RBC Future Launch Scholarship for Black Youth will award 20 scholarships annually valued at up to \$10,000 each per year (up to 4 years) to Black students across Canada. Successful candidates will also have access to a range of services that may include mentorship, academic and career planning, tutoring, internship opportunities, and networking.

[Scholarships Canada](#)

- Scholarships Canada hosts a website on which individuals can browse for different scholarships within Canada and apply for them.
- The site provides Black students with scholarship resources to fund their post-secondary education.

[TutorBright](#)

- TutorBright is a tutoring program that works to help students succeed academically.
- Its objective is not only to help academically, but also to provide mentorship along with a strong tutor-student relationship. They also help students regain their belief in themselves and their abilities.

[University of Alberta Black Students' Association \(UABSA\)](#)

- UABSA is an organization that strives to empower and promote community interaction among all Black students at the University of Alberta. With the goal of fostering student development, UABSA's objective is to create a network of supportive members who connect culturally and socially, and contribute to one another's success academically.

[Yconic](#)

- Yconic is a site that assists students in high school, college, and university by educating them about financial aid that can help fund their education. It offers scholarships, matching and support with peers, featured discussion boards with fellow members, and information about academic subjects and programs.
- Their objective is to enable students to receive the financial and academic support needed to successfully receive the highest level of education possible.

Anti-racism Resources

[Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council](#)

- This council is comprised of 24 members who meet about 4 times a year to discuss anti-racism matters.
- The council brings light to and offers solutions to barriers faced in real-world situations. They strive to remove barriers in government programs, information, and law enforcement. They work to expose and find ways to combat systemic racism and the negative effects it brings unto BIPOC.

And We Still Rise: A Black Presence in Alberta, late 1800s - 1970s

- And We Still Rise is a City of Edmonton Museum Exhibit that talks about Black History specifically in Alberta, and how Black people were active and assertive when dealing with racism in the past.

Anti-Racist Organizational Change (AROC) at CommunityWise

- CommunityWise is a non-profit organization that provides office space for organizations that need it. They can also provide shared internet and office equipment, which has been helpful to the 80 starting organizations who have needed assistance.
- They provide resources for other anti-racism organizations that need ideas by examining AROC's programs, webinars, and how they tackle racist problems in the community.

Black History in Canada Education Guide

- The Black History in Canada Education Guide explores seminal events and personalities in Black Canadian history through engaging discussion and interaction activities. This innovative bilingual tool contains updated revisions from the original guide, which was created in 2010.
- The purpose of this revised guide is to enhance students' critical awareness and appreciation of the Black Canadian experience.

Black Inclusion Association

- This association was founded by Black community members who have experienced racism or "Alberta's unequal Black experience".
- The association aims to make anti-racism work in Calgary more efficient and beneficial to those affected. Their objectives are to promote Black culture, create more opportunities, promote this as a safe space for Black individuals, create a sense of community within Black people, and lead them to various resources to help them succeed.

Black Lives Matter YEG (BLM YEG)

- This is a group that supports Black lives and features Black organizers and allies working to affirm the "validity of Black life".
- BLM YEG works to combat the everyday racism Black people face, anti-Blackness, and the negative stereotypes and microaggressions against Black people.

Black Lives Matter YYC

- This organization supports defunding the police and redirecting the flow of money into more community-based systems and initiative-based work. They help business owners and do different things to aid the community.
- "Our chapter is inclusive and we work hard to make sure everyone has a voice. We are members of the community and our actions will be informed by the community."

BlackNorth Initiative

- The BlackNorth Initiative is a non-profit organization that is committed in removing systemic anti-Black barriers for Black Canadians using a business-first mindset.
- Their goal is to remove the systemic anti-Black barriers that negatively affect the lives of Black Canadians.

Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI)

- The CCDI hosts a multitude of webinars targeting anti-racism tactics and ways to support anti-Black racism.
- Their webinars on how to tackle anti-racism are given to those who want to learn how to help. Different subjects are brought to light in these webinars, which talk about the negative effects on the Black community.

Centre for Race and Culture (CFRAC)

- CFRAC supports collective change and addresses racism and discrimination. Consisting of a diverse board, CFRAC researches and gathers sources to provide knowledgeable information on anti-racism and how to deal with racism in general.
- The Centre's aim is to support individuals and work for changes to address racism in society. CFRAC wants to increase intercultural understanding by working to introduce people from various backgrounds to the community, essentially making it more diverse.

Congress of Black Women (CBWC)

- The first conference of the CBWC was in Toronto in 1973, which led to enthusiastic support for a group of Black Women to be formed. In Winnipeg in 1980, they held another conference where an actual council was introduced, and the CBWC was born.
- This Congress seeks to provide a sense of community for Black women by conferring about their issues regarding racism and oppression. They work to reject these obstacles and elaborate on how these experiences have affected them individually, as well as their families.

Color of Change

- The objective of this organization is to assist people in effectively responding towards injustice in the world. The organization creates a more human and less hostile world for Black people in America by moving decision makers in corporations and governments.

National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC)

- NBJC has been America's leading civil rights organization since 2003 and is dedicated to empowering Black LGBTQ individuals. They support Black individuals, families, and communities by empowering their bonds and connecting the gaps between movements for racial justice and LGBTQ/SGL equity.
- Their objective is to end racism, homophobia, and the LGBTQ/SGL bias and stigma for Black people.

Pink Flamingo

- This organization provides QTBIPOC events, anti-racism training, seminars, workshops, murals, and merchandise.
- "Pink Flamingo is a Black-led advocacy organization that uplifts the QTBIPOC community in your city by creating events, workshops, education and safer spaces. In doing this, Pink Flamingo is proudly providing facilitation of an array of opportunities."

Racism in Alberta Psychology (PAA)

- This group focuses on supporting all Albertans with their health and wellness. They aim to dismantle systemic racism that inhibits the success of individuals who are victims of it. PAA wants to work together with their patients to tackle racism within the Alberta community.
- PAA works to destroy the colonial stigma with psychology and make its programs available to all who seek their assistance.

RARICANow

- RARICANow provides support and helps to enhance and sustain the health of the LGBTQ+ and HIV communities. They provide activities, programs, and services that are meant to help the community.

Resources for Emancipation Day in Alberta

- Emancipation Day is held each year on August 1. On this day, Canadians are invited to reflect, educate, and engage in the ongoing fight against anti-Black racism and discrimination. This day celebrates the strength and perseverance of Black communities in Canada.

The Unlearning Channel

- The Unlearning Channel create podcasts dealing with issues such as critical race theory and unlearning white supremacy. They also air on the radio and create music.
- “The Unlearning Channel seeks to inspire critical awareness of white supremacy by challenging, re-contextualizing, and broadening perceptions of race, identity, culture and diaspora. We’re unlearning white supremacy—one podcast at a time. Hosted by Mel Vee & Jaqs Gallos Aquines.”

Business Resources

AfroBiz

- AfroBiz is Canada's most comprehensive directory of Black-owned businesses and Black entrepreneurs.
- AfroBiz was established in 2017 when they noticed most Black-owned businesses had a gap in the opportunities for their businesses. They wanted to give back and use their talent to reduce the racial gap and to advertise local businesses that were owned by Black people.
- Their organization gives people the opportunity to find Black-owned businesses around Canada, including Alberta. They want to support Black-owned businesses and Black entrepreneurs. In addition, they want to help improve the visibility and the internet presence of Black-owned businesses in Canada.

Black Business Ventures Association (BBVA)

- BBVA recognizes the existing gap between Black people and technology. They want to work toward reducing that gap.
- Their objective is to help make a vibrant Canadian technology ecosystem in which Black people play a significant role.

Black Canadian Women (BCW) in Action

- BCW is located in Edmonton, Alberta and aims to help Black Canadian women achieve success in their communities. It is an empowerment program for Black women to have a sense of community.
- They hold events to bring Black Canadian women closer together to achieve a sense of community. With workshops with entrepreneurs, and those considered professionals in their careers, members of BCW in Action are able to develop essential leadership skills to help them succeed.

Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA)

- BBPA is a non-profit charitable organization that serves to address equity and opportunity for the Black community in business, employment, education, and economic development. It also provides networking and educational opportunities for entrepreneurs and professionals.
- Their objective is to benefit the Black community as a whole through their different programs, events, and scholarships.

Black Entrepreneurship Program (BEP)

- BEP is a partnership between the Government of Canada, Black-led business organizations, and financial institutions.
- The program represents an investment of up to \$221 million over four years that will help Black Canadian business owners and entrepreneurs grow their businesses and succeed now and into the future.

Black Opportunity Fund (BOF)

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- BOF is a registered Canadian charitable organization. They established a sustainable pool of capital to fund Black-led businesses and Black-led not-for-profits and charities. They work to improve the social and economic well-being of Canada's Black communities.
 - Their objective is to facilitate access to capital for Black-led businesses to drive economic empowerment. They also work to provide grants to Black-led not-for-profits and charities that are leading initiatives that impact the quality of life of Black communities across Canada.

Black-Owned Market (BOM) YEG

- BOM YEG was created to introduce others to Black businesses in Edmonton. They support small Black businesses to help expand their growth and promote their products, leading to success.
- BOM YEG promotes Black businesses as they do not receive much support due to the history of systemic racism and oppression. Through this organization, businesses are uplifted and promoted through events such as BOM YEG's annual markets, providing exposure to those who had no previous information about the business. BOM YEG also allows relationships to be formed with other entrepreneurs, giving birth to future business partners who understand each other.

Calgary Black Chamber

- The Calgary Black Chamber is a not-for-profit organization. They have four core values that increase leadership capacity throughout Calgary: scholarship, mentorship, fellowship, and advocacy.

Canadian Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC)

- CBCC is a cultural non-profit organization. It was created to generate commerce for Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs to create economic development within Black Communities across Canada.
- They are working to inspire the next great minds and innovators who will emerge from the Black Canadian community to foster greater economic prosperity for the Black community. They are also working to provide Black entrepreneurs with the support they need for their businesses to succeed.

Edmonton Region Immigrant Employment Council (ERIEC)

- This council was established to ensure immigrants are welcomed and can participate in the Edmonton economy to their full potential.
- Their mission is to ensure immigrants become integrated into Edmonton.

Federation of African Canadian Economics (FACE)

- FACE is a national and bilingual Black-led non-profit organization focused on providing resources and information to Black communities across Canada.
- One aspect of their mission is to provide Black Canadians with the necessary resources, knowledge, and confidence to be successful.

Foundations for Black Founders — Startup Edmonton

- Foundations for Black Founders was created by Startup Edmonton as part of an ongoing effort to listen, learn, and act to build a diverse and welcoming tech community.
- The objective of the foundation is to focus on business ideation and customer validation with mentorship and stories from Black founders along the way.

Supporting Black-Owned Businesses in Alberta

- This website that contains a list of Black-owned businesses within Alberta.
- It provides support to these Black-owned businesses that have not received enough exposure in the business community, and gives people a chance to experience and buy from these Black-owned businesses.

City-specific Resources

[City of Calgary](#)

- The City of Calgary website is a source of lots of significant information about the City of Calgary that can be helpful to existing and prospective residents. It provides information about news, events, programs and services, and much more.

[City of Edmonton](#)

- The City of Edmonton website is a resource to find a variety of information about the City of Edmonton. Some examples are attractions and events, programs and services, and transit.

[City of Grande Prairie](#)

- The City of Grande Prairie website provides a plethora of information regarding all of the activities that one can do when they move to or visit Grande Prairie. A few examples are culture and community, city services, parks and recreation, and more.

[City of Leduc](#)

- The City of Leduc website is a valuable resource for residents or newcomers in Leduc. It provides a variety of information about the city, from the community to business.

[City of Lethbridge](#)

- The City of Lethbridge website provides the information residents and newcomers need to know about the city, including information on transit, utilities, doing business, and more.

[City of Lloydminster](#)

- The City of Lloydminster website has information for people in Lloydminster in categories such as living in Lloydminster and business and growth.

[City of Medicine Hat](#)

- The City of Medicine Hat website is a resource for all people living in or visiting Medicine Hat. It provides information on topics such as home, property and utilities, roads, parking, and transportation.

[City of Red Deer](#)

- The City of Red Deer website provides information about Red Deer, and helps people get to know the city's history and people, along with learning how to plan to move there or get settled in a new home.

[City of St. Albert](#)

- The City of St. Albert's website provides information that can be useful to anyone that is interested in St. Albert.

[Government of Alberta](#)

- The Government of Alberta website serves as a very useful tool for those who are moving to Alberta. One objective of the website is to allow visitors to find the Alberta Government services and information they need.

[High River](#)

- The town of High River's website includes a variety of information about High River, including council, community, business, and discovery.

Slave Lake

- Slave Lake's official website is a tool that can guide people who are visiting Slave Lake or who want to know about the community.

Community Organizations and Events

Action Dignity

- Action Dignity is a community-based organization that facilitates the collective voice of Calgary's ethno-cultural communities towards full civic participation and integration through collaborative action.

Africa Centre

- Africa Centre is a non-profit organization in Western Canada. It serves as a place of community and cultural awareness and helps families.
- Its vision is to help create a strong, relevant, and engaged African descent community in Alberta. Its mission is to create opportunities for access and full participation of the African descent community in Alberta.

Africarnival

- Africarnival is an event that is designed to share with Edmontonians the colorful, rich, inviting, and diverse cultures of people of African descent.

Africans & African Descendant Friendship Club of St. Albert (AADFC)

- AADFC is a club that was founded to bring Africans and people of African descent together. They hold lots of cultural and volunteering events in St. Albert.

Association des Guinéens de Calgary

- This association welcomes new Guinean immigrants and helps them settle into Canadian society while promoting their cultural heritage. In addition, the organization helps organize events that share and celebrate different cultures that are part of Albertan society.

Association of Zimbabweans in Calgary (AOZIC)

- AOZIC strives to make a community of the Zimbabweans in Calgary, enrich all Zimbabwean cultures, and work towards the economic enhancement of all Zimbabweans in Calgary.

Barbados Canadian Association of Calgary (BCAC)

- BCAC is a central point for all things Barbados in Calgary. The association seeks to promote and encourage the Bajan community in Calgary. In addition, it works to promote and generate awareness of Bajan culture in Calgary.

Black People United Calgary

- Black People United Calgary works to offer mutual aid to their communities in Calgary. They provide a variety of resources such as food security and housing support funds.

Calgary Ethiopian Community Association (CECA)

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- CECA is a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to organize and promote Ethiopian cultural and social activities, and to provide resettlement and integration support for immigrants of Ethiopian origin.
 - Their vision is to have a vibrant and active Ethiopian community in the City of Calgary and surrounding areas. Its mission is to facilitate the integration of newcomers, contribute to social, cultural, and civic life, and encourage Ethiopian children and youth to be part of a community.

Calgary Foundation

- The Calgary Foundation has many different resources that pertain to the Black population in Calgary. In addition, they share information about many Black-owned businesses on their website.
- Their motto is “For Community. Forever.”

Carifest

- Carifest is a three-day festival that celebrates Caribbean music, culture, costumes, and traditions.
- The objective is to celebrate Caribbean people and make community connections. For example, the festival is a way to begin a healthy relationship between Caribbean people and the Calgary Police Service.

Council of Canadians of African & Caribbean Heritage

- The Council for Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage supports activities to strengthen the social, economic, and educational life of the African and Caribbean heritage communities.

Edmonton Heritage Festival

- The Edmonton Heritage Festival is a three-day event. Attendees are able to sample delicious food and see creative performances from cultures around the world.

Eritrean Canadian Community Association of Calgary (ECCAC)

- ECCAC was created to make a community space for Eritreans. The association promotes the welfare of Eritreans and provides support for the transition to Canadian life.
- The goal of ECCAC is to provide a sense of community and let Eritreans know there is a community for them.

Eritrean Community Association of Edmonton (ECAE)

- ECAE is a non-profit organization inclusive of all Eritreans.
- They work to overcome challenges related to settlement and adaptation by Eritrean immigrants. In addition, they preserve Eritrean culture and identity and also help Eritreans to successfully integrate into Canada’s multicultural fabric.

FoodShare

- FoodShare is a food justice organization that advocates for the right to food. They work to challenge the systemic barriers that keep people from accessing the food they need to thrive in their communities.

Francophonie Albertaine Plurielle (FRAP)

- FRAP is an organization that works to promote the social, economic, and cultural diversity of francophones in Alberta.
- Their mission is to facilitate inclusion and representation in all sectors of activity within the Alberta francophonie community and Canadian society, and bring various communities closer together.

Ghanian Canadian Association of Calgary (GCAC)

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- GCAC was created to be a community for Ghanaian people and to teach their first-generation Canadian children about Ghanaian culture.
 - The association works to promote Ghanaian culture and to encourage Ghanaian people to become unified and influential Canadians. Its mission is to create a platform for social and multicultural engagement and networking.

[Haiti Association of Calgary \(ACHC\)](#)

- ACHC is a non-profit organization formed by a group of Haitians in Calgary, Alberta. They work towards educating the public about and promoting Haitian culture.
- Their objectives are to educate people about the different aspects of Haiti, and to organize and implement activities that meet the needs and interests of their members and much more.

[HelpSeeker](#)

- HelpSeeker is a very helpful resource that directs people to access the services they need wherever they may need them.

[Igbo Cultural Association](#)

- The Igbo Cultural Association works “to promote all aspects of the Igbo culture that would positively impact and contribute to the progress, development and welfare of its members...”
- Some aspects of their mission are to uphold truth and integrity, foster brotherhood among Igbo’s, promote the Igbo culture and heritage, and more.

[Jamaican Canadian Association of Alberta \(JCAA\)](#)

- JCAA was formed to share Jamaican culture with the community of Calgary. Over time, its reach has expanded from Calgary to the whole Province of Alberta. The association promotes Jamaican culture through promotional activities and by providing support to members of the association and the community.

[Kenyan Canadian Association](#)

- The Kenyan Canadian Association is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to address the issues affecting marginalized Canadians, especially of Kenyan origin.
- The association does this by focusing on implementing programs and making opportunities for newcomers to improve their personal well-being and social economic status.

[La Connexional](#)

- Through social events, La Connexional works to bring together African and Latin communities as they celebrate their culture with other individuals. They host multiple outdoor and indoor events where people can learn more about the culture of these communities and gain hands-on experience with various workshops. La Connexional aims to introduce positive impacts beginning with African and Latin communities, which will then branch out into other communities.

[National Black Coalition of Canada Society \(NBCC\)](#)

- NBCC was registered federally on October 19, 1969. Their local activities range from offering workshops in skill development to working with schools and agencies to develop and maintain culturally sensitive programs.
- NBCC’s objective is to create a positive impact in their community, and help youths to see their full potential. They work with people and organizations across Canada towards achieving full social, racial, cultural, political, and economic harmony across Canada.

[Nigerian Canadian Association - Calgary \(NCAC\)](#)

- NCAC is a non-profit and non-political association. They work towards creating a community for Nigerians and promoting Nigerian culture.

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- The association's vision is to exhibit and promote aspects of Nigerian culture and heritage that positively contribute to the Canadian cultural mosaic.

Nigerian Canadian Association of Edmonton

- This association provides a home away from home experience by hosting Nigerian-themed parties, barbeques, and other fun activities. In addition, they participate in cultural heritage days and advertise Black-owned businesses on their website.
- Their goal is to facilitate the full participation of all Nigerians living in Edmonton in the social, cultural, and civic life of Canada.

Nile Valley Foundation

- The Nile Valley Foundation is an organization that promotes and celebrates African knowledge and culture.

Resources for Community Groups in Red Deer

- This section on the Red Deer website provides tools and resources to help community groups be successful.

Sinkunia Community Development Organization

- This organization offers cultural heritage coaching programs, sexual health education, international scholarship funds, mentorship, and many other programs.
- They work to support the successful settlement and integration of African immigrants and refugees so that they can thrive in their new Canadian community.

Somali Canadian Edmonton and Rural Development Organization

- This organization offers sports, youth employment skills, and many other programs.
- They work to create an effective and dynamic atmosphere that bridges the gap between the community, government, and stakeholders. In addition, they also work to advance education and sustainable development of the community.

Somali Canadian Women and Children Association

- The Somali Canadian Women and Children Association specifically focuses on the needs of immigrant and refugee women and their families.
- They run a mentoring program that provides academic, emotional, and social supports with an experienced adult mentor for students that need it.

Sudanese Social Club (SSC)

- SSC is a non-profit organization based in Alberta. Its aim is to integrate new Sudanese immigrants into Canadian society by providing assistance, guidance, and support to those that need it. The organization is dedicated to multiculturalism not only across Calgary but across Canada.
- Their main focus is on Sudanese youth in Calgary. They offer many programs and activities to keep them busy all year long.

Tanzanian Community Association of Calgary (TCAC)

- TCAC is a non-political, non-profit, independent community-based organization. It is committed to supporting collaboration among its members through a common heritage to improve the lives of Tanzanian people. They do this by organizing community activities, such as soccer, swimming, skating, and more.

Ubuntu/Mobilizing Central Alberta

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- Ubuntu holds community workshops, dinners, and workplace training. Their mission is to act as a bridge in connecting and mobilizing central Albertan communities in racial and social justice through engagement, advocacy, and community building.

Woezo Africa

- Woezo Africa is an organization that is dedicated to bringing the history of African culture to others through the performing arts.
- The founder and director, Wunmi Idowu, says, “My endeavors continue to center around the idea of representing and communicating a sense of oneness that ensures that we don’t lose our culture and inheritance for our children and our children’s children.”

Yoruba Cultural Association of Edmonton

- The Yoruba Cultural Association of Edmonton works to celebrate and promote Yoruba culture and language in the greater Edmonton area and Canada as a whole.

Health and Wellness Resources

African Cancer Support Group (ACSG)

- ACSG focuses on supporting people in the Black community that are going through cancer and other chronic conditions.
- Their goal is to reduce the number of Black people dying of cancer through supporting those that are already going through having cancer, and promoting cancer education and awareness within Black communities.

Alberta Black Therapists Network

- The Alberta Black Therapists Network uses more culturally acceptable methods to further advocate for and uplift individuals who are seeking mental health help. They provide different services in the context of the client’s spiritual and cultural values. They also provide a search bar so that individuals can specifically look for Black therapists that are from their own culture or someone they are interested in to help them along the journey of promoting good mental health.
- Their objective is to have a healing-centered approach for counselling services for the Black community with an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and decolonizing lens that focuses on resilience and considers individual wellness needs within the context of their religious and cultural beliefs.

Alberta Health Services (AHS)

- AHS is the first and largest province-wide, integrated health system that delivers health services for the people in Alberta, along with some other locations in Canada.
- Their mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

Alberta Society for the Visually Impaired (ASVI)

- ASVI is a registered non-profit society located in Alberta. They advocate for individuals that are visually impaired or blind.
- Their vision is to see that every child with a visual impairment has the support and adaptations necessary to be successful in school. Its mission is to achieve their vision through advocacy, collaboration, and education.

Artemo Project - Africa Centre

- The Artemo Project provides a variety of resources. For example, they offer mentorship and employment support, hold art-based activities, and teach about mental health.

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- They work to provide an alternative collaborative approach to promoting mental health among Black youth in Alberta and their families with the aim to improve their psychological, emotional, and social well-being.

BIPOC Mental Health YYC

- BIPOC Mental Health YYC provides resources for the BIPOC community regarding mental health within Calgary and even outside of the city.

Black Equity in the Alberta Rainforest (BEAR)

- BEAR is determined to bring about change related to Black health equity. Their goal is to achieve health equity for African, Caribbean, and Black people by creating a collaborative environment where knowledge, resources, and connections are shared to close racial gaps.

Black Health Alliance

- The Black Health Alliance is a community-led registered charity that works to improve the health and well-being of Black communities in Canada.
- Their mission is to reduce the racial disparities in health outcomes and promote health and well-being of diverse Black communities in Canada.

Black Therapist List

- The Black Therapist List was designed to help Black people who are seeking mental health support locate Black therapists in their area.
- The objective of the list is to provide a resource that allows Black people to access therapists that have similar cultural experiences. This will create a sense of commonality and understanding, making it easier for clients to open up and tell the therapists what they need.

Black Women's Blueprint

- This organization's goal is to provide services and spaces for healing, reconciliation, and human connection with the natural world.

Black Youth Helpline

- The Black Youth Helpline aids youth in three different ways: academics, good health, and relationships in their community.
- Their goal is to help prevent social, emotional, and psychological breakdown and ultimately violence and crime in the youth population. Also, they work to ensure access to needed professional assessment, intervention, services, and support for youth and families.

Brite Line

- Brite Line is Edmonton's first mental health and wellness helpline dedicated to support people who are part of Edmonton's 2ALGBTQIA+ community.

Centre for Autism Services Alberta

- The Centre for Autism Services Alberta is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children, teens, and young adults with autism.
- Its mission is to provide comprehensive and innovative support and services to those with autism, as well as their family network. Some of those supports include early childhood services, sports, leisure, social and skills programs, and pre-employment programs.

Deaf and Hear Alberta (DHA)

- DHA is advocating for a proactive approach to ensure visual access to information. Deaf people need visual access and are often overlooked. DHA works with governments and other partners to be part of the solution.

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- The organization's objective is to bring together deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing Albertans with service and technology options to advance accessibility and opportunities to get information.

Edmonton Disability Services

- Edmonton Disability Services is directed by an Executive Director and a Board of Directors. They are representatives of the Down syndrome community in the Edmonton and greater Edmonton communities. The Board of Directors are volunteers and give of their time and their passion to ensure the society's vision, mission, and values are upheld.
- The society's mission is to benefit people with Down syndrome and their families by providing information and support, facilitating services, and promoting inclusion through public awareness and advocacy, in collaboration with community partners.

Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op (MCHB)

- MCHB was created to support Edmonton's newcomers with a goal to enhance the health and well-being of families. It also emerged out of a public health initiative in the early 1990s to enhance maternal and infant health within immigrant and refugee communities.
- MCHB's vision is that individuals and families of cultural minority groups will be empowered to realize their full potential and live freely in a peaceful and just society that is inter-culturally strong. Another aim is to empower individuals and families from cultural minority populations.

NotJustYou

- Founded by Ufuoma Muwhe, NotJustYou is a Canadian-based organization. As Ufuoma experienced sickle cell disease for 16 years, she can relate to the experiences and feelings of other sickle cell disease patients during their treatments and crises.
- The objective of this organization is to bring awareness to the experiences of sickle cell disease patients. NotJustYou aims to invest time and money in the families, supporting them through various treatment processes and bridging "the gap between sickle cell disease patients and families and their doctors/caretakers".

REACH Edmonton

- REACH Edmonton offers child and youth services, provides resources for frontliners dealing with trauma, and provides training for working with people of diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Their objective is to strengthen community safety in the city and region through innovative ideas, building relationships, and inspiring action.

Ribbon Rouge Foundation

- The Ribbon Rouge Foundation works to fundraise for HIV relief in African countries as well as to display arts from the community. It has expanded to become a much grander organization that has global outreach.
- The Ribbon Rouge Foundation works to eliminate structural and social practices in place that lead to poverty in Black, Caribbean, and African communities within Alberta. It aims to further educate the public and change their perceptions on social status in order to initiate change, as well as bring light to negative health for these communities by amplifying the voices of those affected by "racialized health disparities".

Ruth's House

- Ruth's House is a collage of many communities, agencies, and government leaders who work together to protect the African community. It is also a safe place where those who suffer from domestic violence and abuse in the African community can go to.
- The goal of this organization is to break the cycle of abuse in the African community and to provide support for the whole family.

[Service Dogs in Alberta](#)

- Service Dogs in Alberta helps people that may have visible and non-visible disabilities, such as epilepsy, PTSD, diabetes, and mobility limitations.

[Sickle Cell Foundation of Alberta \(SCFA\)](#)

- SCFA is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to creating awareness about sickle cell disease, and providing support to patients who have this disease.

[Therapy for Black Girls](#)

- Through therapists and community bonding, this organization aims to provide healing for Black girls. Although based in the United States, people can access the benefits of this program globally.
- The goal is to enable Black girls and women to realize their worth through community programs that allow for growth within a supportive community that understands their problems.

[Youth Help Card and Resources – Strathcona County](#)

- Youth Health Card has crisis contact and emergency information for youth under 18 in Strathcona County.

Immigrant Resources

[Action for Healthy Communities](#)

- Action for Healthy Communities is a member of the Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies (AAISA). Their mission is to foster individual and group participation and action to improve the comprehensive and holistic health of diverse communities.

[Alberta Advantage Immigration Program \(AAIP\)](#)

- AAIP is designed for individuals who possess the skills and abilities to fill labor shortages in Alberta. It is operated by the Alberta Government in partnership with the federal immigration department: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

[Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies \(AAISA\)](#)

- AAISA is a non-profit umbrella organization that provides resettlement, settlement, and integration services to newcomers in the Province of Alberta.
- Its mission is to facilitate collaboration and leadership within the settlement serving sector. Its vision is to create an inclusive, welcoming, and engaged society.

[Alberta Network of Immigrant Women \(ANIW\)](#)

- ANIW is an organization that is designed to support immigrant women. It connects immigrant women across the Province of Alberta, and supports initiatives that foster equality, justice, and learning.
- Their vision is to help immigrant women across Alberta to be empowered and take an active role in their communities. Their mission is to foster equality, justice, and learning for immigrant women.

[alis - Resources for Newcomers](#)

- alis - Resources for Newcomers provides resources for people that are newcomers in Alberta on topics such as looking for work, succeeding at work, and education and training.

[ASSIST Community Services Centre](#)

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- The ASSIST Community Services Centre works to assist immigrants and facilitate their successful integration into mainstream society.
 - The Centre's mission is to enhance the lives of newcomers' families through quality programs and services. The vision is to bridge people and communities.

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)

- CCIS is a non-profit organization that provides settlement and integration services to all immigrants and refugees in southern Alberta.
- Their mission is to empower immigrants and refugees to successfully settle and integrate into our communities. Their vision is to help create an inclusive society where immigrants and refugees can reach their full potential.

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association

- The Calgary Immigrant Women's Association offers immigrant, business, and employment services. It also offers youth programs and mental health services.
- Their objective is to empower immigrant women and enrich Canadian society.

Care for Newcomers

- Care for Newcomers assists immigrants and refugees to integrate and settle in the community.
- Their vision is for newcomers to feel valued as contributing members of an inclusive central Alberta. Their mission is to help newcomers get support and have a successful integration.

Centre for Newcomers

- The Centre for Newcomers was created to provide an environment for newcomers to get the support they need. They do this by providing different settlement, career, youth, and language programs.

Central Alberta Immigrant Women's Association (CAIWA)

- CAIWA helps immigrant youth, women, and families that are new to central Alberta by providing a variety of programs designed to help newcomers to succeed.
- Their vision is to ensure that immigrant women and their families are empowered to achieve their full potential as members of Canadian society. Their mission is to provide a network of support to enable new immigrant women and their families to achieve a satisfying and secure life in Canada.

City of Edmonton New Resident Programs

- The City of Edmonton provides programs to help newcomers feel welcome and settle into Edmonton more quickly.

Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)

- EISA was established to provide for immigrants and refugees in Edmonton. They do this by providing services relating to integration, settlement, adaptation, and education for new immigrants, refugees, and first-generation Canadians in Edmonton.
- Their vision is to help newcomers in Edmonton to be successfully integrated and actively involved in their communities.

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)

- ENCM was created to help integrate newcomers into Canada. They serve as a guiding hand to those that need help throughout their integration process.
- Their vision is to help create a future where many citizens walk with newcomers to bridge their transition into the community.

Gateway Calgary

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- Gateway Calgary helps immigrants and refugees succeed in their new homes. It acts as a guide to help newcomers build the life they have been dreaming of.
 - Their vision is to help newcomers realize their dreams and unleash their economic, social, and civic potential.

Grande Prairie Centre for Newcomers

- The Grande Prairie Centre for Newcomers was created to deliver settlement services in Grande Prairie using both official languages: English and French.
- Their mission is to assist newcomers in their settlement and integration in Grande Prairie and the surrounding area. Their vision is a welcoming and inclusive community where newcomers root themselves in Canadian society.

Grande Prairie Local Immigration Partnership (GPLIP)

- GPLIP is the mechanism through which Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada supports the development of community-based planning around the need for newcomer settlement and integration.

Immigration Alberta

- Immigration Alberta provides resources to help people immigrate to Canada and to help newcomers settle in Alberta.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada facilitates the arrival of immigrants, provides protection to refugees, and offers programming to help newcomers settle in Canada.

Immigrant Services Calgary

- Immigrant Services Calgary works to ensure that families and individuals have the support they need to successfully begin a new chapter of their lives in Canada.
- Their vision is to unleash the economic, social, and civic potential of clients. Their mission is to connect newcomers to the right services at the right agency every time.

Lethbridge and Area Local Immigration Partnership

- The Lethbridge and Area Local Immigration Partnership is a department of Lethbridge Family Services. It provides services for newcomers that will help them with immigration and settlement processes.

Lethbridge Family Services - Immigrant Services

- Immigrant Services provides support for newcomers and their families to adapt to their new life in Lethbridge and help them to gain independence in their new life in Canada.
- Their vision is a connected and inclusive community where people thrive. Their mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life for individuals and families in southwestern Alberta.

Lloydminster Local Immigration Partnership (LLIP)

- LLIP works to enhance current services and build a welcoming and inclusive community to newcomers in Lloydminster.
- Their mission is to support Lloydminster and area. In addition, they work to develop a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse community to ensure equitable opportunities for all.

Medicine Hat Local Immigration Partnership (MHLIP)

- MHLIP increases community participation in newcomer integration, builds a welcoming community to help attract newcomers, celebrates newcomers and their contribution to their community, and much more.

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- They are dedicated to improve the integration and retention of newcomers.

[Newcomers Resources - City of Brooks](#)

- The City of Brooks website provides a variety of newcomer resources designed to help newcomers in Brooks, Alberta to integrate well and thrive in the community.

[Saamis Immigration Service Association \(SISA\)](#)

- SISA is a government-funded non-profit organization that works to assist in the integration, adjustment, and settlement of immigrants in the community of Medicine Hat.
- Their mission is to provide a support system for individuals and families. In addition, they provide different programs and services designed to support newcomer families in Medicine Hat.

[Settlement Calgary](#)

- Settlement Calgary is an online platform created to help fulfill the Immigrant Services Calgary vision and mission.
- Their goal is to increase the overall settlement service accessibility.

[The Immigrant Education Society \(TIES\)](#)

- The Immigrant Education Society is a not-for-profit organization located in Calgary. It has become an important part of serving the Calgary immigrant community and continues to assist newcomers and low-income Canadians access the opportunities they need. It also provides help to find a place for newcomers and low-income Canadians.
- Their main goal is to provide innovative language learning, customized employee training and placement, and integration services to newcomers and Canadians based on best practices.

[YMCA Immigrant Services](#)

- The YMCA provides newcomers to Canada with programs, employment, and settlement services along with a welcoming environment to help newcomers feel at home in their community.

Parent and Family Resources

[Alberta Family Youth Alliance - AJFAS](#)

- AJFAS is a francophone non-profit organization that works in the fields of education and crime prevention with youth and francophone families of immigrant origin in Alberta through social development programs.
- Their mission is to prevent crime among young people and francophone families with an immigrant background. They also work towards facilitating the integration and socio-professional integration into Alberta society.

[Alberta Income Support – Government of Alberta](#)

- Government of Alberta programs provide support for individuals and families to pay for basic expenses such as food, clothing, and shelter.
- Programs also assist in providing child and adult health benefits, child care subsidies, income support and a variety of other financial assistance.

[Black Moms Connection Edmonton](#)

- This is a Facebook group committed to helping Black mothers or soon to be mothers.
- They want to create an environment where Black mothers and soon to be mothers are able to share ideas, connect, and encourage one another.

[Catholic Social Services](#)

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- Catholic Social Services is an agency that supports people in need by bringing hope, humility, compassion, and respect. They carry out this mission in accordance with the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

[Islamic Family and Social Services Association \(IFSSA\)](#)

- IFSSA is an association that provides a holistic approach to well-being that is culturally and spiritually sensitive.
- They serve the Edmonton community by providing a halal food bank, family violence counseling, and many other resources.

[Local Support Services - Red Deer](#)

- Residents of Red Deer have access to over 2,700 local agencies. Their purposes range from mental health and parenting to newcomer services and more.

[Resources for Black Parents in Edmonton, Alberta](#)

- This guide was created by Anjola Oyelami. She was part of the Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program at the University of Alberta in previous years.
- The purpose of the guide is to increase access to services for Black parents by improving knowledge of available supports.

[Resources to help seniors age in their community – Government of Alberta](#)

- This website provides a variety of resources that are available to help and support the growing population of seniors in Alberta.

[Seniors programs and services information guide – Government of Alberta](#)

- This guide is designed to help seniors and their families stay informed about assistance available to seniors in the Province of Alberta.

Professional Associations

[Alberta Association of Black Social Workers \(AABSW\)](#)

- AABSW was created to support Black social workers through peer support, mentorship, and professional development. A group of Black therapists met and realized the importance of staying connected and engaging in conversations that involved the Black community. This led to the creation of the AABSW.
- Their goals are to address health and social inequalities, provide advocacy on issues that impact Black people in Alberta and beyond, and support Black social workers.

[Black Female Lawyers Network \(BFLN\)](#)

- BFLN is a non-for-profit organization that provides a forum for students and practitioners in the field of law to be connected.
- Their vision is to be an essential and influential voice in the legal profession. Their mission is to strategically advocate for diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and beyond.

[Black Organizers for Leaders and Dignity \(BOLD\)](#)

- BOLD is a training program that aims to equip Black leaders with the skills needed to place themselves at the front position of social justice movements.
- BOLD works on transforming the practice of Black organizers to increase their alignment, impact, and sustainability to win progressive change.

Black Physicians of Canada

- The Black Physicians of Canada team consists of Black physicians, residents, and non-medical professionals across Canada. The team supports and celebrates Black physicians and physicians in training.
- Their mission is to build a community for Black physicians and physicians in training, as well as create social networks and learn together. They do this by providing mentorship, guidance, support, encouragement, and advice.

Canadian Association of Black Journalists (CABJ)

- CABJ exists to give rise to Black journalists. They work to increase representation through education and inspiration.
- They are focused on advocating for diversity in Canadian media, raising a new generation of Black journalists and content creators, and much more.

University of Alberta Black Medical Students Association (BMSA)

- BMSA is a student association in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta.
- They look to increase Black representation in the student body and faculty, and enhance training for future doctors to better care in racialized communities.
- This group provides a safe space for Black pharmacy students and gives them a sense of community. The group empowers students and creates a strong community network.
- Their aim is bring Black pharmacy students together and provide a community in which they can support each other.

Women Building Futures (WBF)

- WBF is a non-profit organization based in Edmonton, Alberta. They offer programs and support services to help unemployed and underemployed women explore and connect to careers that will pay a living wage.
- Their mission is to foster economic security for women facing barriers to enter a workforce in which they are traditionally underrepresented.

Sports and Recreation

Calgary Recreation Facilities

- Calgary Recreation Facilities' website has information on a variety of recreation activities all around the City of Calgary, including arenas, art centers, athletic parks, and more.

Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (EMSA) West Zone

- This club organizes soccer as an extra-curricular activity. They host tournaments and summer soccer team games.
- “We are committed to creating a lifelong passion and love for the game.”

Edmonton Scottish United Soccer Club

- This soccer club offers grassroots programs, skill center programs, adult programs, tournaments and much more that can serve as an extracurricular activity for youth.
- Their aim is “to create and enhance opportunities to participate, develop and excel in the sport of soccer, while promoting an active lifestyle for all club members.”

KidSport Canada

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- KidSport Canada provides financial aid to kids under 18 that wish to play an organized sport (soccer, baseball, basketball, etc.). This organization understands that costs can be a barrier to children who want the chance to enjoy a sport of their interest. KidSport funds the registration process for children (\$200-\$500) so they are able to play their sport.
 - To provide aspiring kids with the financial aid to register them in a sport they love. KidSport wants to break down the financial barriers that prevent children from playing a sport.

Leduc Recreation Centre

- Leduc Recreation Centre provides a number of activities for people that live in Leduc. Some of their programs include facility rentals, a fitness centre, an aquatic centre, and an outdoor pool.

Move Learn Play

- This initiative consists of a variety of recreation activities all around the City of Edmonton, including summer camps, registered programs, drop-in activities, and more.

Recreation and Culture - The City of Red Deer

- This aspect of the City of Red Deer's website directs readers to an assortment of facilities, multi-use trails, and green spaces.

Soccer Without Boundaries

- Soccer Without Boundaries destroys barriers that separate communities and pushes for integration and the feeling that all individuals who are in this organization belong. Those who participate in the program develop interpersonal skills, such as leadership and social skills, through the game of soccer. The organization also provides tutoring, soccer camps, after-school programs, summer camps, and volunteer opportunities.
- Their aim is to create a sense of belonging through programs and events in their community.

True North Basketball Academy

- True North Basketball Academy is a basketball club in Edmonton, Alberta. They offer different training programs for youth, motivational speaking, adult leagues, and other programs.
- "Our vision is to provide quality training for all levels of student athletes from beginner to collegiate level, teach sound technical skills, offer positive and passionate methodology to help our students grow as athletes, advice and connect our students with opportunities to play at all levels, teach essential sportsmanship, respect, accountability and teamwork. And for us to be responsive, open, and communicative academy to our students, their parents, their school or organization."

Youth Resources

Alberta Mentorship Partnership

- This organization provides help to both mentors and mentees, as individuals can get training on how to be a good mentor as well as apply for mentorship as a youth.
- "Every Albertan has a stake in the future of the province. We support the development of healthy, engaged citizens. We can help you make a difference in the life of a young person by connecting you with a mentoring or youth-serving organization, and supporting you in strengthening program offerings for Alberta's youth."

Blackboyscode

- Blackboyscode is a non-profit organization that makes computer programming accessible to Black male youth through workshops, after-school programs, and summer camps.

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- Their mission is to improve the future of Black youth through education in computer science and technology. Their vision is for Black youth to realize their full potential, which will prepare them for success.

BlackTalents

- This non-profit organization was founded in 2018 and works to help Black students (aged 13-23) with future success in their careers. BlackTalents aims to build and develop Black leaders for their careers in North America. With mentorship programs and workshops, along with youth activities, Black students are able to learn from mentors and implement new knowledge in their future studies.
- The aim of this organization is to prepare Black students for success in their future career paths.

Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth (CBFY)

- CBFY supports the families of refugees and immigrants with information about Canada's schooling system. With CBFY staff, youth have opportunities to make friends in different programs that grow their social skills. CBFY is the first contact received when a parent chooses to register their child in school.
- The aim of this organization is to integrate youth and their families into Canadian society by supporting them with programs along their journey.

Experiential Learning in Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (ELITE) Program for Black Youth

- The ELITE Program for Black Youth is a great opportunity for Black youth (15 to 22 years old) to participate in hands-on learning and work-integrated training in science, engineering, and technology fields and in entrepreneurship.
- Students are matched with a research professor, a company in the industry, or a government agency and work on a project during an 8 or 16-week paid internship period. Interns receive entrepreneurship training and wellness coaching.

Rainbow Alliance for Youth of Edmonton

- This organization shares the diverse stories of LGBTQ2S+ youth between the ages of 12 and 24 living in the Edmonton area.
- The aim of the Alliance is to promote increased understanding, empathy, and knowledge of this community's specific needs, strengths, and experiences.

The Come Up

- The Come Up is the youth collective of the Africa Centre organization, and was created in September 2013 with content specifically directed to African and Caribbean youth.
- The Come Up aims to bring together the communities of African and Caribbean youth and celebrate their similarities and differences. With different programs and events, The Come Up introduces the talents and achievements of Black youth in Edmonton. For example, The Come Up has had a "Melanin Narrative," which enabled African and Caribbean youth to showcase their artistic talents and experiences.

Other Helpful Resources

- AfroQuiz is a Jeopardy-like game show that takes place during Black History Month. The program works to teach youth about Black history, which schools fail to touch upon.

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- The goal is to celebrate and appreciate the history and accomplishment of Africans and Caribbeans in Canada.

Alberta's Black Pioneer Heritage

- This website provides records of Black pioneer history in Alberta for people who are willing to learn. Its goal is to educate individuals about Black pioneer history in Alberta by providing archives and history records.

Black Moms Connection Edmonton

- This is a Facebook group committed to helping Black mothers or soon to be mothers.
- They want to create an environment where Black mothers and soon to be mothers are able to share ideas, connect, and encourage one another.

Black on the Prairies

- The Black on the Prairies project is a collection of articles, personal essays, images, and more. These resources help to explore the past, present, and future of Black life in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.
- The collection highlights achievements and histories that affirm the influence of Black life on the Prairies.

Canadian Cultural Mosaic Foundation

- The Canadian Cultural Mosaic Foundation engages with institutions, governments, and policy makers to advocate for improved relations with people of different cultures. They do this by using social media advocacy, signing petitions, and more.
- Their goal is to educate Canadians, mitigate racism, and promote multiculturalism.

Edmonton's Black Community Fund (EBCF)

- EBCF is a subcategory of the Edmonton Community Fund.
- EBCF aims to improve the quality of life for Black individuals within the Edmonton area. The fund aims to enable Black people to have the ability to experience growth in all aspects of their life.

Federation of African Canadian Economics (FACE)

- FACE is a national and bilingual Black-led non-profit organization focused on providing resources and information to Black communities across Canada.
- One aspect of their mission is to provide Black Canadians with the necessary resources, knowledge, and confidence to be successful.

Family and Social Supports - Alberta Income Support

- Alberta income support assists in providing child and adult health benefits, child care subsidies, income support and a variety of other financial assistance.

Federation of Black Canadians

- The Federation of Black Canadians is a national, non-profit organization driven by Black organizations across the country. They work to advance the economic, political, and cultural interests of Canadians of African descent.

Global Girls

- Global Girls is connected to the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN). This initiative provides a space where young women can learn about topics in which they are interested. It also creates opportunities for these girls so that they can connect with one another and establish connections in their community.

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- The goal is to create a space where young women that are part of the BIPOC community can build connections and self-confidence, and explore their identity.

Mosaic Talk

- Mosaic Talk is a monthly podcast about Canadian racial relationships. It features Canadian artists and other special guests. The goal is to provide an environment for conversations about racial disputes in Canada.

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Resources to help seniors age in their community

- This website provides information on a variety of resources that are available to help and support the growing population of seniors in Alberta.

Sankofa YYC

- Sankofa YYC was designed to help communities and individuals develop musically with different programs. It provides opportunities to build fundamental skills such as confidence, self-esteem, and resilience.

Seniors programs and services information guide – Government of Alberta

- This guide is designed to help seniors and their families to stay informed about assistance available to seniors in the Province of Alberta.

Soul Search

- Soul Search is based in Edmonton, Alberta. This program enables people to express their authenticity through various events.
- Soul Search creates events that enable people to interact with others who share similar interests in their community. It allows individuals to experience new things with others as well.

Support Black Charities

- Support Black Charities is an organization that was created to make it easier for individuals to find Black organizations to support. In addition to being a directory, they now work to highlight the work and people having an impact on the Black community.

YYC Colors

- YYC Colors is a documentary about racism in Calgary. The documentary talks about the experiences of various people and Calgary and allows others to be educated about some of the racist experiences that Calgarians have faced.