

### What is Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD)?

RCSD is a regional partnership between school authorities, Alberta Health Services (AHS), Child and Family Services Authorities (CFSA) and other community stakeholders. Under RCSD, partners will work together on a regional basis to meet the identified needs of children and youth. RCSD resources must be pooled and shared to support the identified needs of children and youth in a given region. Children and youth throughout the region must have equitable access to services regardless of their school program.

### What does RCSD do?

RCSD is intended to more effectively meet the learning needs of children and youth and support their well-being. Its purpose is to ensure that the children and youth in any given region have streamlined and coordinated access to supports and services they need to be successful in school and in their community.

*"The goal of RCSD is that children will have access to the right supports at the right time in their school and community. It will achieve this by improving access to supports and services; building capacity within communities, including school staff, service providers and families; and improving integration and coordination of services."*

### What supports and services are available through RCSD?

Under RCSD, there will continue to be a wide range of services and supports. However, the supports and services that are available in a particular region will depend on what service priorities have been identified by the regional partners. All supports and services offered must improve a child or youth's ability to take part in their school or community.

### Who is eligible for RCSD supports and services?

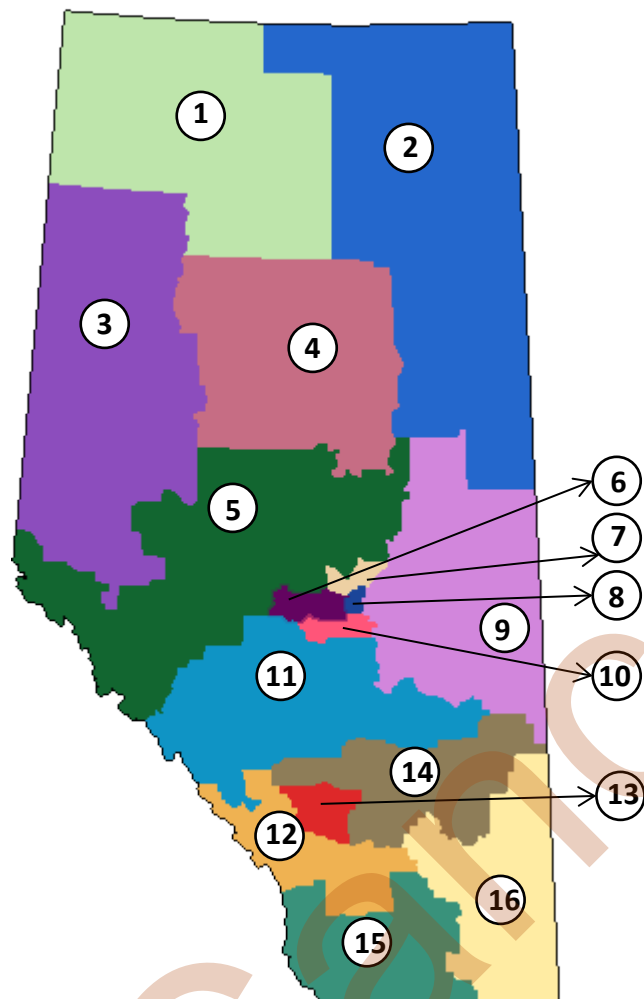
- Children or youth who are registered with Alberta Education in Early Childhood Services (ECS) to Grade 12
- Children and youth who have a low incidence disability\*
- A child or youth who needs a coordinated plan through a team approach
- Children and youth with complex needs\*\* between the ages of 0 and 20
- School staff, families and service providers who need training or skill development

#### *Low Incidence disabilities include:*

- Blind/Low Vision
- Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing
- Deaf-Blind
- Significant Developmental Delay
- Significant Physical and Multiple Disabilities
- Significant Communications Disabilities requiring the use of a speech generating communicating device

Children and youth with complex needs are those who require significant *extraordinary* care due to the severity of their impairment(s) and require services from more than one ministry. This may include children and youth:

- with multiple impairments, complex mental health and health issues and/or severe behavioral needs
- for whom all currently available resources have been utilized with limited success
- who require fiscal and human resources that strain the capacity of any one ministry
- for whom there are questions about the safety of the child, youth, family, or public



**RCSD Regions**

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. Regional Collaborative Calgary and Area RCSD
14. Central East Collaborative RCSD
15. Southwest Alberta RCSD
16. Southeastern Alberta RCSD
17. Réseau RCSD\*

\* Réseau RCSD supports the needs of Francophone students across the province. Francophone school authorities also sit as partners in RCSD Regional Teams based on their geographic boundaries.

**Parents**

Please contact your local school administrator or school division office for additional information.

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