



Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters
Edmonton & Area

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Effective July 1st, 2011, Boys & Girls Clubs of Edmonton and Big Brothers Big Sisters Society of Edmonton & Area will officially amalgamate into the new legal entity, Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area Society.

Why did we Amalgamate?

For many years, our two organizations have worked closely to provide services to children and youth. Our collective goal is to ensure more children will receive the support they need and combining efforts and efficiencies between like-minded organizations is a responsible way of continuing toward that goal. Our teams have been working tirelessly together with the support of expert consultation, to determine if and how amalgamation would benefit kids and families. On May 25th, 2011, in separate membership votes, it was unanimously determined that the potential for success is excellent.

How will amalgamation impact the programs and services offered by each organization?

Children and families will find it easier to access support and have the ability to get what they need, when they need it and in the ways they need it. From 1 to 1 mentoring and group mentoring programs to facilities and activities that are positive and timely, children will have options that fit their unique situations. Availability and access to programs offered by each organization will not be impacted.

Where do we go from here?

We are continuing to plan and work together. Amalgamation is not a 6 or 12 month process. Every day, we will be working hard in order that children and youth benefit in even greater ways, through the bringing together of services.

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