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## **Province supports new facility to help at-risk youth**

*Calgary...* The Alberta government is assisting Calgary's Hull Child and Family Services with development of a new mental health treatment facility to assist at-risk youth who live with a variety of addictions, the trauma of abuse, and severe behavioural issues.

"This program provides important support to children and families in-need," said Lindsay Blackett Minister of Culture and Community Spirit. "This project has received a great deal of community support and plays an important role in building a strong community in Calgary."

The Alberta government will provide nearly \$750,000 towards the construction of a new 12,000-square-foot treatment centre. The facility will include activity rooms, a classroom, bedrooms, offices and reception, and meeting rooms.

"To build a healthy society, we must offer programs and services that support the optimal development of our youth," said Dave Rodney, MLA for Calgary-Lougheed. "This new facility will also go a long way in helping to build safe communities, which is another huge priority for our government."

"Since 1962, the Hull Agency has been committed to serving Calgary's troubled youth, struggling families, and developmentally challenged adults. Hull works with over 3,000 people every day," said Mike Williams, Board of Governors Chair for Hull Child and Family Services. "Our new mental health facility will ensure the quality level of care necessary for youth experiencing a variety of complex issues." He adds, "we are sincerely grateful for the support of the Government of Alberta, the Major Community Facilities Program and the many generous donors who have helped make this possible."

Funds are provided through the Major Community Facilities Program (MCFP). Started in 2007-08, the MCFP is a two-year, \$280-million lottery-funded program which helps municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and Aboriginal communities plan, upgrade or build major public-use facilities that enhance community life. The funds were provided on a matching basis, meaning a great deal of community support was required to make the grant possible.

The Government of Alberta has a wide variety of community investment programs that are working to create stronger and safer communities. For more information, visit [www.culture.alberta.ca](http://www.culture.alberta.ca).

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