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ALBERTA  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Office of the Minister  
MLA, Lesser Slave Lake

Ms. Karen Rosa

Severed in line with Section 17 of the FOIP Act

Dear Ms. Rosa:

Thank you for your email requesting information about Hope Adventures.

I appreciate your concerns about the services that this organization may be offering to children and youth. I shared your questions with my staff who confirmed that Children's Services has neither knowledge about nor involvement with Hope Adventures.

My ministry has not been asked to provide funding nor has my ministry granted authority to provide services to children. If this organization runs a private fee arrangement then the legal authority would be given by parents who place their children with Hope Adventures.

All programs funded by Children's Services must be accredited, approved, or licensed by my ministry. Further, regulations under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* (CYFEA) state that programs providing placements or living arrangements for children and youth must be licensed.

The CYFEA defines a child as "a person under the age of 18 years and includes a youth unless specifically stated otherwise." A youth is defined as "a child who is 16 years of age or older." The CYFEA does not define students. To read the full text of this legislation, please visit the Queen's Printer website at [www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/c12.pdf](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/c12.pdf).

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Fyenne Perry, Acting Manager, Contracts and Program Supports, at [fyenne.perry@gov.ab.ca](mailto:fyenne.perry@gov.ab.ca) or 780-644-7645.

I hope you find this information helpful. Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Danielle Larivee  
Minister

## Petition Opposing Hope Adventure Centre Operation

A petition was presented door to door to the majority of residents in Riverside Park, Hu Haven, and nearby residents in the surrounding area including Fort Augustus, Casa Vista and Sturgeon Valley Estates, in late 2017. The results of this petition were shared with the County in January 2018. 88% of the Hu-Haven and Riverside residents and (over 80% of all residents in the surrounding area) signed the petition – worded as follows:

*"We, the Sturgeon County residents of Riverside Park/Hu Haven and surrounding area, oppose the Hope Adventure Centre's operation of a full time, year-round facility with the primary focus being youth and young adults (18-24) who are in the Alberta foster care system or have aged out of the foster system. This is a significant change from the original Boysdale summer camp for children only who may or may not have been within the foster system."*

