

## **Volunteer Educators Needed!**

The Calgary John Howard Society’s **Criminal Justice Education (CJE) Program** is seeking volunteers to deliver interactive presentations on the **Youth Criminal Justice Act** to youth in Calgary schools.

- Orientation and training provided
- Police and Child Welfare Checks required (no cost)
- Opportunities for on-going learning

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### **Criminal Justice Education Program (CJE)**

The CJE Program helps students clarify commonly held misconceptions about the Canadian criminal justice system. Once youth are twelve years of age, the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) plays a major role in determining their legal responsibilities. The CJE program has developed a program to raise awareness of the implications of the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the effect it has on young peoples’ lives.

#### **The educational objectives of the program are:**

- Learn key components of the Youth Criminal Justice Act; including sentencing and the effects of a youth record
- Learn some of the legal rights, responsibilities and implications under the Youth Criminal Justice Act
- Identify the impact of crime on victims, offenders and society

Trained educators and volunteers from the community deliver presentations in the classroom. This program encourages active student participation through small group discussions, workbook activities, role plays, games, guided questioning and a program specific video.

# Volunteer Educator

## **Time Commitment:**

- Requires availability during the daytime (school hours)
- 3 hours per week
- 10-month commitment; September to June

## **Qualifications and Strengths:**

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Able to build rapport with children
- Personal interest in the area of justice
- Reliable and punctual
- Strong organizational skills
- Vehicle required to transport self and materials to various locations within the city

## **Benefits:**

- Opportunity to develop public speaking skills
- Networking in the community
- Learning and development towards criminal justice issues and youth issues
- Orientation to the agency provided
- Extensive training on the Youth Criminal Justice Act and corresponding presentation materials will be provided
- Police and Child Welfare checks will be conducted at no cost to the volunteer