



ALIGN to Present at Child Intervention Review Panel. Member Submissions & Presentations Encouraged

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Dear ALIGN Members,

Over the next few months we have an incredible opportunity to ensure that [The Child Intervention Panel](#) (currently tasked with reviewing and revising the current child welfare system in Alberta) are informed, encouraged, educated and influenced by agencies, educators and the families who receive service. ALIGN is preparing to make a presentation to the panel regarding the work that sector agencies do and the need for resourcing the valuable information agencies can contribute. We expect that they will be interested in hearing from various sectors such as group care, kinship and foster care.

The [Panel members](#) currently have a basic knowledge regarding intergenerational trauma, the CORE story, child development, and the importance of early intervention among other areas of importance. Over the next 2 months they have expressed interest in furthering their understanding and awareness in these and related areas. Your submissions and presentation will provide them further insights and assist them to better determine what they require additional information on.

It is likely that time lines for presentations will be very short; therefore, I would suggest that agencies collaborate if possible when making written submissions and include an offer to present if you feel it is appropriate. [Share your thoughts with the panel](#)

**A few recommendations:**

I highly encourage you to listen to the live stream audio segments of the child intervention panel. You can listen to them by going to [Panel Meetings](#)

- If there a group of you doing the same or similar work and you feel that the panel needs to know about it, do a joint submission.
- Don't put too many issues into a submission. Try to keep it to one or two issues so that they can absorb the importance of your concern. Make separate submissions for each topic area you want them to hear about.
- Use the guideline on the website [Share your thoughts with the panel](#)
- If there is research that backs up your point, attach it to the submission but don't send books. Find relevant adequate article and send the link to them if you can.

## **ALIGN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUEST**

If you are sending in a submission or presentations, please submit a copy to me at [rhondab@alignab.ca](mailto:rhondab@alignab.ca) so we can include it on our [ALIGN Review Panel Page](#) - this will assist members to avoid repetition. The panel is only sitting to August 1, 2017 so don't delay - if you want to say something now is the time!

Thank you, if you have any questions or want any advice on this please don't hesitate to email or call me

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