

AMFY & BBBS Program Merger

Questions & Answers

Matches

1. **What does this mean for the matches?**

Maintaining the stability of all existing matches and mentors between matches is of the utmost importance to us. As such, every effort is being made to ensure a smooth transition from AMFY to BBBS with minimal disruption to the matches. We need your help to ensure that this seamless transition is achieved.

2. **What is the mentor role in the transition?**

As a mentor, we need your help in making the transition to BBBS. There are two steps that you need to complete:

Step 1 Release of Information Form

To comply with the Personal Information Protection Act, AMFY needs your written consent to transfer your AMFY related files to BBBS where the same rules of confidentiality will apply. Please complete the enclosed '**Release of Information Form**' and submit it to AMFY no later than **June 15th, 2008** via:

- i. Fax : 270-7037 or
- ii. Mail: Suite 570, 1207 11th Ave SW Calgary T3C 0M5 or
- iii. Drop it off at the registration table at the School Year End Celebration on June 7th.

Step 2 BBBS Forms and Welcome Back Session

In order to maintain your match, we need you to attend one of the 'Welcome Back' sessions. These sessions will include an overview of BBBS and will walk you through the required paperwork to transfer your match.

All mentors need to attend one Welcome Back session prior to reconnecting with their protégés in September. (Photo Identification Required)

The scheduled sessions are:

Calgary

BBBS Office – 5960 Centre St. SE
Saturday, July 26th from 2:00 – 4:30 PM
Tuesday, August 12th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM
Thursday, August 21st from 6:00– 8:30 PM
Saturday, August 23rd from 2:00 – 4:30 PM
Wednesday, August 27th from 6:00–8:30 PM

Airdrie

Community Links S Bldg – 211, 125 Main St.
Monday, August 25th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Cochrane

FCSS Office – 209 2nd Ave W
Tuesday, August 26th from 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Please call Barb at (403) 270-3637 to sign up for your Welcome Back session. If you are out of town or unable to attend any of these sessions, please call Barb to make alternate arrangements.

3. **Why Is Attending a Welcome Back Session Necessary?**

For legal and insurance purposes, a face-to-face introduction and original signatures on BBBS forms are required in order to transfer your match in time for the upcoming school year.

4. **What does this mean for the Protégé?**

This transfer process also involves the protégés and their parents/guardians. An information package will be mailed to their homes in June. Your help may be required to

ensure that all required documents are completed and returned to AMFY by August 15th, 2008.

5. *Can off-campus visits continue during the summer?*

Off-campus visits can continue as usual for the summer of 2008 until August 15th. After August 15th, all mentor, protégé and parent paperwork must be completed and submitted in order for off-campus visits to continue. Once all of the necessary pieces of information have been completed, you will be notified by your coordinator when you may continue off campus visits.

6. *Who do I contact now and who will be my mPower contact after Aug 15?*

Your current Program Coordinator is your primary contact person and will continue to be in this role under the umbrella of BBBS.

7. *What will happen with existing AMFY matches?*

We recognize that maintaining the stability of existing relationships is of the utmost importance. As such, every effort is being made to ensure a smooth transition from AMFY to BBBS with little to no disruption to the matches.

8. *What is the process for transferring AMFY matches to BBBS?*

A carefully planned process has been designed to transfer AMFY matches to BBBS. Staff from both organizations are working with AMFY mentors, protégées, their families and school partners to ensure a seamless transition.

9. *Will the youth participants in the AMFY program still be referred to as "Proteges"?*

No; in keeping with BBBS school-based program terminology, participants in the mPower Youth Mentoring program will be referred to as "Mentees". Volunteers matched to mPower participants will continue to be referred to as "Mentors".