

Child & Youth Friendly Communities

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OVERVIEW

- This measure is a little different than the others, as it is intended for community groups – such as those who serve youth – to assess how friendly their neighbourhood is for youth across a wide number of domains. All domains are not meant to be completed by one organization at one time.

SUBSCALES

- Each domain has several questions; therefore, you may only select one or two domains that are relevant to your evaluation. The domains include:
 - Arts & Culture
 - Community Security & Policing
 - Early Childhood Ed & School-Age Care
 - Health Services
 - Housing
 - Justice Services
 - Leisure & Social Organization
 - Local Business
 - Local Government
 - Play In Built Environment
 - Schools
 - Social & Family Support Services
 - Technology
 - Transportation
 - Workplaces

STEPPING UP THEME(S) & OUTCOME(S)

- **Coordinated & Youth-Friendly Communities**
 - » Youth have access to safe spaces that provide quality opportunities for play and recreation
 - » Youth know about and easily navigate resources in their community

TARGET POPULATION

- Community & Municipal Organizations

LENGTH & HOW IT IS MEASURED

- As part of this tool, there are many, many questions. But it is divided into different domains. For more information on how to select which domains are most appropriate for your organization, **CLICK HERE.**
- For each question, grade your community from 1 (not at all child and youth friendly) to 10 (we are a leader in child and youth friendly practices)
- Self-report
- Available in: English

DEVELOPER

- Society for Children and Youth of British Columbia

GOOD TO KNOW

- In order to narrow down what domains are most useful to assess within your community, it is important to start by asking stakeholders (including children, youth, and families) for input.

PSYCHOMETRICS

- **Reliability // Validity**
None // None

LEARN MORE

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