



# CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE!

*"National Child Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children."*

-UNICEF

## BASIC INFORMATION

PROVIDING CHILDREN OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE A VOICE (SPEAK OUT AND BE HEARD)

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARM

ENSURING CHILDREN'S BASIC NEEDS ARE MET

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- A child's right to participate is a main pillar to achieving self-actualization.
- Children have the right to participate in daily activities such as play, family, culture and learning.
- Children have the right to participate when decisions are made about them.
- It is important that youth are taught to give space for other youth who may not have space allotted to them to participate.
- Empowering children from all backgrounds to participate in decision-making and activities helps grow their voice and confidence.



## MORE INFORMATION

If you know a young person who is interested in learning more, encourage them to explore websites such as UNICEF ([unicef.org](http://unicef.org)), the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children ([rightsofchildren.ca](http://rightsofchildren.ca)) and the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate ([ocya.alberta.ca](http://ocya.alberta.ca)).