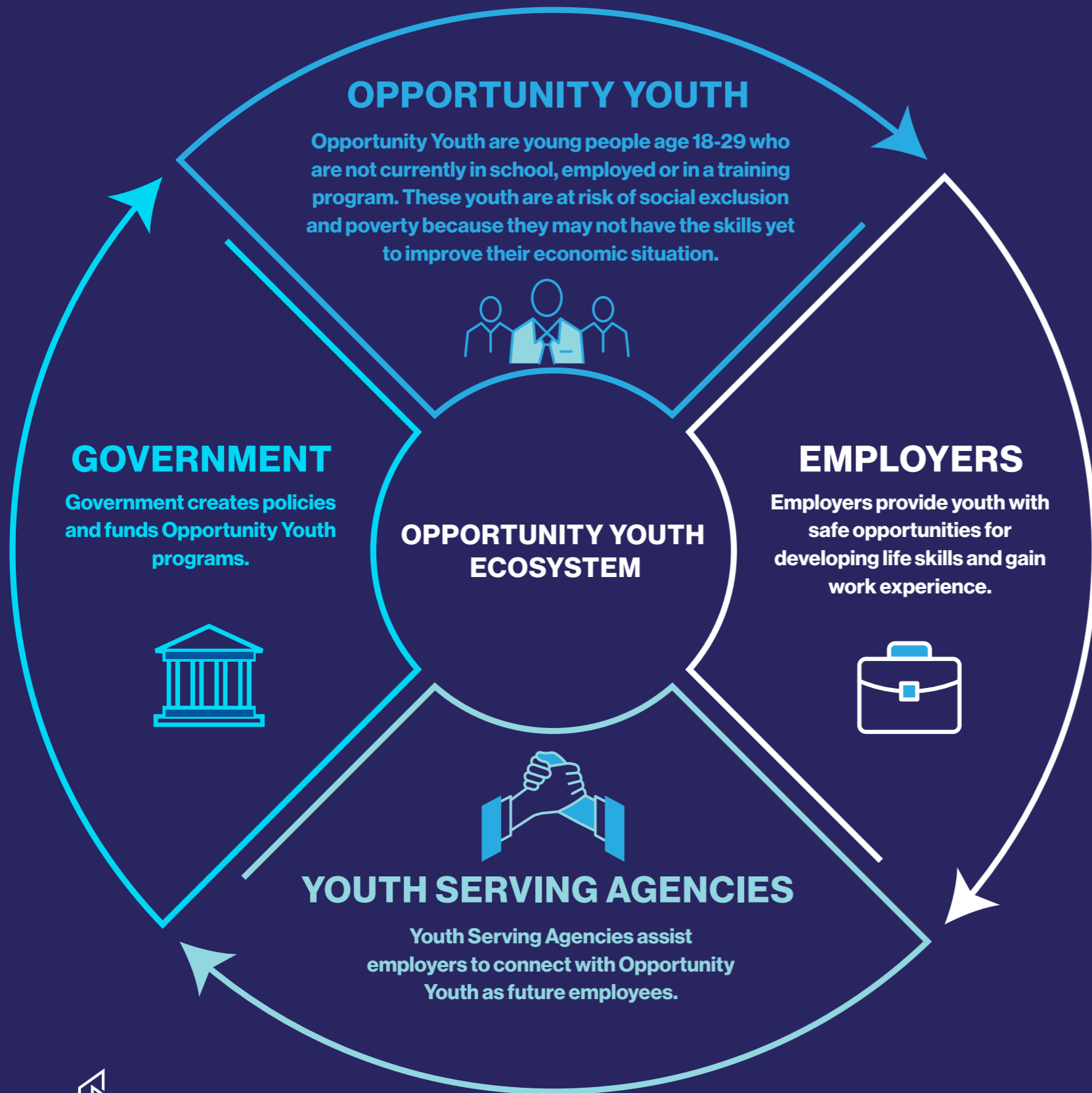


# EMPLOYING OPPORTUNITY YOUTH IN CALGARY

Youth face barriers while finding and maintaining employment. One of these is “a perceived reluctance by employers across Canada to hire young people”, according to Canada’s Expert Panel on Youth Employment. The information below highlights the role of the Opportunity Youth Employer Forum in removing barriers facing youth who seek work.



## CALGARY EMPLOYER FORUM

- Employers & Youth Serving Agencies are involved.
- The Forum will bring together employers of small and large businesses in Calgary to share practical actions to better recruit, hire, and retain Opportunity Youth. Participants of the Forum will hear from guest speakers and engage in a rich dialogue on various topics.

## ADVANTAGES OF EMPLOYING OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

- Access to a large pool of quality candidates.
- Corporate social responsibility to support youth in the local community who face barriers.
- Recruitment support from youth-serving agencies that have a mandate to connect Opportunity Youth to meaningful employment.

## ADVANTAGES OF JOINING THE CALGARY EMPLOYER FORUM

- Connect with like-minded employer representatives.
- Subject matter expertise & topic discussion through a not-for-profit network.
- Local level, grassroots, informal and member driven forum structure.

