

The Urban Native Youth Association is proud to be “Training the Leaders of Tomorrow”. We have been providing services to Native Youth since 1989. Our underlying philosophy is that Native youth have the right to live safe, healthy, and positive lives that are free from negative influences.

Our primary objective is not only to assist Native street youth to leave their street lifestyles, but to deter our children from ever entering street life. We do this by offering preventative programs that help to meet youth’s immediate needs.

Youth are consulted in the ongoing development of all services, as we feel that youth are the experts in their own lives and are in the best position to advise us on youth issues. We always strive to have at least four of our nine board members be Native youth.

We will continue to adapt to the ever-changing needs of Native youth to ensure that they have the best chance possible to lead safe, healthy, and positive lives.

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B.C. Ministry for Children & Family Development (MCFD)

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Aboriginal Youth Safehouse	604-254-5147 1-877-223-4321
Alcohol & Drug Counsellors (13 – 21 years old)	604-254-7732
Aries Project (alternate school for 13 - 18 year olds)	604-255-1326
AYF Sports & Recreation Program	604-254-7732
BYRC Aboriginal Youth Worker	604-709-5736
FN School Success Program (Homework Clubs)	604-254-7732
Mediation & Reunification Program	604-254-7732
Mentorship Program	604-254-7732
Native Youth Drop-in Centre (15 – 24 years old)	604-254-7712
Native Youth Learning Centre (computer lab)	604-484-3603
Outreach Team	604-254-7732
School Support Team	604-254-7732
UNYA Aboriginal Youth Worker	604-254-7732
Young Bears Lodge (A & D empowerment program for 13-18 yrs)	604-322-7577
Young Parent’s Support Worker	604-254-7732
Young Wolves Lodge (women’s recovery for 17 - 24 years)	604-321-1118
Youth Health Clinic (by appointment)	604-418-4491 604-660-9695
24-Hour Youth Info & Referral Line	1-877-223-4321
Publications & Videos	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AYF Sports & Recreation Survey • Full Circle – a manual on sexually exploited youth • Helping Hands – youth resource manual of programs and services • Two-spirit Youth Speak Out! – needs assessment for LGBTQ youth • Urban Rez – a video on sexual exploitation 	604-254-7732 or In pdf format at www.unya.bc.ca

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Program Goals

The Transition Worker provides intensive, non-judgmental one-to-one support to youth ages 16 to 18 years old who are involved with the Ministry for Children & Family Development (MCFD). The goal of the program is to assist youth, by providing relevant information and referring youth to programs and services in the community that will help them work towards obtaining the housing, education, supports, resources, training, or tools necessary to become fully capable of living independently.

The Urban Native Youth Association believes that youth are the experts in their own lives. Every youth is an individual with his or her own unique strengths and needs. The Transition Worker provides close, non-judgmental support and assistance to youth to help them identify their individual needs and make positive goals for their future.



Who can participate?

This program is open to 16 – 18 year old Native youth. Youth must be referred to this program. For more information, please contact your Ministry for Children & Family Development (MCFD) social worker for a referral.

For a successful intake, a youth must be looking to make a positive change in his/her life and be willing to actively work towards positive change.

Program Includes:

- Non-judgmental individual support
- Assistance with MCFD processes
- Support during family and/or community reconnection
- Crisis intervention
- Life Skills, education, and health information and support
- Referrals and information on services for Native youth and other culturally relevant programs and services
- Cultural teachings and access to Elders if requested

It is our belief that youth are our future and that it is the responsibility of the Aboriginal community - as well as the la community – to care for them and train the leaders of tomorrow by providing them with alternatives to substance abuse, violence and street entrenchment.