

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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Ministry of Children &
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Main office - administration	604-254-7732
Aboriginal Transition Team	604-254-5147
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

URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Aboriginal Outreach Workers



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Program Goals

The Outreach Workers provide street outreach services and support to Aboriginal youth between the ages of 13 -18 years old who are involved in street life. We work closely with the three Vancouver Youth Hubs to ensure that youth who are street involved are being supported and are gaining access to the programs and services they need.

The goals of this program are to:

- provide non-judgmental support
- provide at-risk Aboriginal youth with healthy alternatives to street-involvement
- encourage youth access to supportive programs and services in the community
- foster increased partnerships among service providers and community organizations to positively respond to the needs of Aboriginal youth

The Outreach Workers provide support to youth to find services and resources that can help them to move away from street life, return to home, return to school or training, address alcohol and drug issues, and many other issues and concerns.



Who can participate?

- ✓ Anyone can refer an at-risk youth to the Outreach Workers
- ✓ Youth (13-18 years) and/or their families who are willing to work towards positive personal change to enhance youth's opportunities
- ✓ Youth who want to be connected to resources in the community including recreational and cultural activities, counselors, workshops, drop-in centres, etc.

It is our goal to become involved with youth before they enter street life, and we strive to help them avoid street entrenchment. If youth have become street involved or entrenched, we take a harm reduction approach and strive to provide options that support them in seeking healthy alternatives.

Services Include:

- Information and referrals for youth and their families
- Direct connection and access to the three youth hubs throughout Vancouver
- One-to-one support and crisis intervention, as needed
- Advocacy

Our Beliefs

We believe that youth are the experts in their own lives. The Aboriginal Youth Worker offers non-judgmental support and a range of accessible services that includes culturally specific alternatives, when appropriate. Using a preventative and/or harm reduction approach, the Aboriginal Youth Worker supports the efforts of youth to make positive decisions about their own lives.

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