

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.

Program funding provided by:

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

Mentorship Program



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Program Goals

The mandate of our program is to connect Native youth to volunteer mentors in the community. The Mentorship Coordinator will work to provide Native youth in Vancouver with positive social, educational, cultural, sports and recreation mentorship opportunities. The overall goal of the Mentorship Program is to help empower Native youth to make positive change in their lives by offering them the support and resources needed to do so.

The Mentorship Coordinator will provide support, assistance, advocacy and/or guidance to Aboriginal youth and volunteer mentors involved in the program.

We will be partnering with volunteer mentors who are willing to commit to at least one year to volunteer their time for two to four hours a week to share teachings with Native youth in their particular area of knowledge and/or expertise.

Our program is designed specifically for Native youth ages 12 – 18 years old that have been referred by the Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD).

Only Native youth who have an open file with MCFD may access this program. Youth can contact us first, but they must then contact MCFD for a formal referral in order to access this program.



Who can participate?

- ✓ Native youth aged 12 – 18 years old who have been referred by the Ministry of Children & Family Development in Vancouver
- ✓ Youth who are willing to work towards positive change in their lives by accepting and making the most of the mentorship opportunities that will be offered to them
- ✓ Youth who are willing to commit to meeting with a volunteer mentor for two to four hours per week for at least one year
- ✓ Native and non-Native individuals who have the time to commit to at least one year of volunteering for two to four hours a week to share their knowledge and experience with Native youth
- ✓ Individuals who are willing to undergo an interview, criminal record check, orientation session, and training session as necessary before working with youth

Mentoring Possibilities

- Education – helping to tutor youth, or accompanying youth to a new school to help them identify resources and supports
- Training – working with youth in or outside of the workplace to share knowledge of particular skills, challenges, solutions, and opportunities
- Sports – accompanying youth to practices and/or games, teaching youth new sports skills, introducing youth to sports resources people in the community
- Recreation – teaching youth new skills, introducing youth to new areas of recreation
- Culture – accompanying youth to Westcoast or Plains Family Nights or to their particular nation's dance practice, teaching drumming, singing, or dancing
- Lifeskills – teaching problem solving skills, connecting youth to resources in the city, or teaching youth how to cook nutritious meals

