

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:

Vancouver Coastal
Health Authority

UNYA Contacts	
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

School Support Team



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Program Goals

The School Support Team works in consultation with Vancouver School Board teachers, First Nations Support Workers, counselors, other staff and community organizations to achieve the following goals:

- To help Native youth access a wide range of tools and resources in the community to support their academic and personal goals
- To work with Native youth to help them stay in school and experience success, both academically and socially
- To help Native youth abstain from alcohol and/or drug use/abuse
- To help youth become a positive part of the larger Native and non-Native community
- To encourage the involvement of parents/guardians in their child's school and educational pursuits



Who can participate?

- ✓ Native youth who are in school in the Vancouver School District
- ✓ Those youth and/or their families who are willing to work towards positive personal change to enhance the youth's opportunities to remain in and do well in school
- ✓ Youth who want to be connected to resources in the community such as workshops and counseling
- ✓ Youth who want to participate in recreational activities, tutoring, cultural activities, and drop-in centres, etc.
- ✓ Those youth and/or their families who are willing to work towards the youth being free from alcohol and drugs

Services Include:

- Referrals to and information about services for youth, and Native youth in particular
- Access to advocacy and mediation services
- Community-based workshops and guest speakers, chosen by youth for youth
- An educational summer program that provides food and refreshments, role models, daily workshops, positive recreational and social activities and outings
- Other opportunities to participate in cultural teachings, positive group outings, and activities
- Access to Elders, as requested

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 encouraging their social and academic pursuits and providing them with positive alternatives to alcohol and/or drug misuse.