

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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Coming Home Society,  
Urban Aboriginal Homelessness  
Committee, and the  
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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
<b>Publications &amp; Videos</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AYF Sports &amp; Recreation Survey</li> <li>• Full Circle – a manual on sexually exploited youth</li> <li>• Helping Hands – youth resource manual of programs and services</li> <li>• Two-spirit Youth Speak Out! – needs assessment for LGBTQ youth</li> <li>• Urban Rez – a video on sexual exploitation</li> </ul>	604-254-7732 or In pdf format at <a href="http://www.unya.bc.ca">www.unya.bc.ca</a>

URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

## Young Wolves Lodge



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## *Program Goals*

The main goal of the Young Wolves Lodge is to help young women empower themselves to make positive decisions and create positive change in their lives. We do this by offering individual support, information, and referrals to community resources. Our program is designed specifically for young Native women ages 17 – 24 years.

We have three beds for young women who have children in the care of the Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) or someone other than themselves. We also have two beds for young women who are trying to leave the street and abstain from alcohol & drug use.

We work with young women to help them gain the lifeskills needed to work towards successfully living independently or with their family. We also provide parenting skills to all young women – to help young mothers work towards reuniting with their child(ren), and to ensure that all young women have as much information as possible before they may choose to become parents. When possible, we can host parent/child visits at our site, but we cannot have children stay at the house.

## *Who can participate?*

- ✓ 17 – 24 year old Native women
- ✓ Those young women who are willing to commit to participating in a three-month program
- ✓ Young women recovering from alcohol and/or drug use
- ✓ We have 3 beds for young mothers who have children in care of the Ministry of Child & Family Development or someone other than themselves
- ✓ Two beds for women who are trying to leave the street



There is a two-week assessment period to see if our program is a good fit for individual youth and if our program is the appropriate resource. If this is not the place for you, then we will help you to find a place that can meet your needs.

## *Program Includes:*

- 24 hour staffing
- Self referral
- Post-treatment planning
- Recreational activities
- On-site Counsellor
- Planning towards independent living
- Alcohol and drug education
- Relapse prevention skills
- AA & NA meetings
- Parenting education, advocacy and support
- Nutritional awareness
- Daily programs & workshops

