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Urban Native Youth Association

UNYA began in 1988, has 20+ programs, 110+ volunteers, 200+ community partners, 100 staff, and over 25,000 visits per year. Youth are consulted in the development of programs and services as we believe they are experts in their own lives and are in the best position to advise us on youth issues.

Our programs are developed to help meet the educational, training, cultural, artistic, and personal needs of Native youth. We continue to focus on community development initiatives, as we believe that the strengthening of our community as a whole can have a tremendous and positive impact on Native youth's lives.

We believe that Native youth have the right to live safe, healthy, and positive lives that are free from negative influences. We strive to address issues that negatively affect their lives by providing a supportive continuum of care, with a large focus on prevention-based activities as we believe that Native youth lack opportunity – not ability. We know that when youth have access to meaningful opportunities, they excel as they have many strengths to build upon. We will continue to adapt to meet the changing needs of Native youth to help ensure that they have the best chance possible to reach their goals and full potential.

Publications available in pdf online at www.unya.bc.ca are focused on health, parenting, sexual exploitation, healthy cooking on a budget, Two-spirit, sports & recreation, and the ins & outs of college and university



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What the Outreach Team does

The Outreach Team travels to sites in Vancouver where Aboriginal youth usually hang out in the evening so that we can connect with them and provide support.

We work closely with other service providers 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
- use harm-reduction options to help youth find healthy alternatives to street involvement
- encourage youth to access supportive community programs and services
- work with our partners to respond to the diverse needs of Aboriginal youth
- help youth to move away from street life, return home, get into school or training, or work on alcohol & drug or other issues that they may be facing

We gratefully accept donations of:

- Bus tickets
- New mitts, toques, scarves, socks, backpacks, sleeping bags, granola bars, food vouchers, and lip balm

Who does the team work with?

- Those who make a referral
- Youth ages 12-18 and/or their families or caregivers
- Youth who want to be connected to supportive resources in the community
- Additional help can be provided to those who are willing to work towards positive personal change in their lives

Program Includes:

- Information and referrals
- One-to-one support
- Advocacy
- Crisis intervention
- Resource cards
- Condoms & healthy snacks



Important Numbers

MCFD After Hours	604-660-4927
Vancouver Youth Services	604-660-9376
Access Y (Youth Detox)	866-658-1221
Directions Youth Services	604-633-1472
The Gathering Place	604-665-2391
Broadway Youth Resource Centre	604-709-5720
Aboriginal Safehouse	604-254-5147
Covenant House (Shelter)	604-685-7474
Bantleman Court (18-24 yrs)	604-255-8456
Vancouver Native Housing	604-320-3312
Lu'ma Native Housing	604-876-0811
Helping Spirit Lodge (Native women fleeing violence)	604-872-6649
Family Services Safehouse (16-18 yrs) 604-877-1234 or 1-877-609-2200	
North Shore Safehouse (13-18 yrs) 604-924-8005 or 1-877-789-6884	
Iron Horse Safehouse (Maple Ridge, 13-18yrs) 604-466-2665 or 1-877-435-7233	
All Nations Safehouse (Surrey, 16-18 yrs) 604-584-2625	

Wondering where to go or what to do to make changes in your life?