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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



Helping Native
youth ages 16-18
to successfully
transition to living
on their own

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Urban Native
Youth Association

Are you getting ready to live on your own?

The Transition Team provides one-to-one support to Native youth ages 16-18 who are getting ready to live on their own. We can help youth who are referred to our program through the Ministry for Children & Family Development (MCFD) to:

- Identify their needs and goals so that they can work on reaching them
- Find housing, schooling, training, and community resources
- Connect to programs or other resources they need
- Learn the life skills and problem solving skills needed to live on their own successfully

We believe that youth are the experts in their own lives, so we look to them to tell us what their goals and needs are - then we try to help them reach them.

Who Can Participate?

- Native youth ages 16-18 who are referred through a Social Worker or Probation Officer
- Youth who want to work with the Transition Worker to identify and achieve their goals



How can we help youth?

We want to help you be as prepared as possible before you move out on your own so that you do not run into problems that may cause you to lose your home. We can help you with the following things, or connect you to others who can:

- Find a place to live
- Find a job
- Get back into school
- Learn to budget your money
- Advocate with other professionals
- Learn more about your culture
- Get through a crisis
- Learn how to cook meals
- Find healthy activities to participate in
- And whatever else you want or need help with!

We gratefully accept donations of:

- Bus tickets
- Tickets to recreational activities (movies, bowling) and events
- Food gift certificates
- Certificates for clothing, furniture, or bedding

