

UPDATES – YOUTH NETWORK GROUP – AUGUST 2017

In Attendance:

Alcohol and Drugs Services	Heather Mayes / Michael Hanson
Big Brothers Big Sisters Yukon	Angela Krueger
Child & Adolescent Therapeutic Services	Stacey Maclean
Child & Youth Advocate	Annette King
Community Safety Unit Youth RCMP	R. Dwayne Latham
Many Rivers	Michael Knutson
Skookum Jim Friendship Center Youth Shelter	Viola Papequash
Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition	Meg Grudeski
Yukon Women in Trades & Technology	Samantha Hand
Youth Directorate	Chris Nash / Gord Kurzynski / Alexis Miller

Contributed Updates:

Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon	Mia Lee
Victim Services	Lindsay Roberts

[Alcohol and Drugs Services](#)

[Heather Mayes](#), Addiction/Mental Health Counsellor: 867-456-6460

ADS has a number of services available for youth:

Youth Withdrawal Management Services (Detox): provides a safe and supportive environment that assists youth (14-18) in stabilizing and safely withdrawing and recovering from the effects of substance use or dependence. The unit offers 24 hour care and is open every day of the year. The length of stay varies with each individual depending on withdrawal severity, health status and treatment plan. This is a voluntary program, staff work with the clients to identify their needs and facilitate programming to support them in stabilization. There are 4 beds in this unit, separate from the adults withdrawal management area.

Youth Intensive Treatment: Is also a voluntary program, participants in the program explore the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual effects of substance use and learn skills to support healthy living. This program is open for youth (14-18) all over the Yukon. The program is 28 days, is gender specific (based on need) and we have 4 beds. Transitional planning from withdrawal management services and program aftercare support is also provided. Treatment planning is based on participant's goals and counsellors' recommendations. Full participation in all activities is a treatment requirement, these include morning physical activity, check in, psycho-educational workshops, relaxation exercise, individual counselling, recreational activities, and community outings.

For more information, referrals or to discuss intake process contact the Youth Addiction Outreach Worker Andrej DeWolf (p:393-6975 or email: adrej.dewolf@gov.yk.ca). Additionally, if there is a community referral connect with the local Community Addictions Services (CAS) worker for support in getting the client access to services.

Outpatient Counselling: Offers addictions prevention, education and counselling/treatment services to students ages 13-18. We also have counsellors going to the high schools regularly based on need for services. Youth not involved in school can also access services. Referrals can be provided to the Youth Addiction Outreach Worker Andrej DeWolf and clients will be assigned to a counsellor in a timely manner. There is also a parent psycho-educational support group that will start running again in September 2017, connect with Andrej for referrals and registration into this group.

Community Addiction Services (CAS): Offers workers in Dawson City, Haines Junction, and Watson Lake and serve communities in their area. Two workers are based in Whitehorse and provide itinerant services to five rural communities. CAS workers provide education and prevention activities, community-based support, referrals, counselling services, and aftercare as well as training to service providers and the public on substance use, problematic use, and addiction.

Old Crow, Dawson City, Mayo 867-993-4300 and ask to speak to the Community Addiction Worker

Haines Junction, Destruction Bay, Burwash Landing, Beaver Creek 867-634-2081

Pelly Crossing, Carmacks 867-667-8313

Teslin, Watson Lake

Female worker: 867-536-2762

Male worker: 867-536-3222

Ross River, Faro, Carcross 867-393-6958

The main ADS telephone number is 667-5777 and the staff will be able to assist in providing the information needed.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon

[Angela Krueger](#), Executive Director: 867-668-7911

New Executive Director is Angela Krueger

New Mentoring Co-ordinator is Elisabeth Lexow

Recreation and Parks Association of the Yukon

[Mia Lee](#), Active Living for School-Aged Kids and Youth Programmer: 867-334-1286

I travel to the communities to offer support to recreation leaders and teachers in the schools. I promote healthy active living in children and youth through a variety of ways and I deliver leadership development to youth in Grade 6 and up. I offer Playground Leadership to Grade 6 and 7 students and have recently focused on a small group of students at Jack Hulland Elementary.

I also offer support in the way of staff training (usually for summer day camp staff) - I have done this in Carmacks, at Skookum Jim Friendship Centre and at the City of Whitehorse.

Victim Services

[Lindsay Roberts](#), Project Lynx Coordinator: 867-667-5492

- Organization: Victim Services (includes Project Lynx, Crime Prevention & Victim Services Trust Fund, and Youth Investment Fund)
- Contact Person:
- Victim Services – main reception 667-8500
- Project Lynx – Lindsay 667-5492
- Crime Prevention Victim Services Trust Fund and Youth Investment Fund – Janet 667-8944
- youth related info/updates:
- Victim Services – support for victims of any crime, charge or no charge, at any point in justice process and including referral to community supports; voluntary service; anyone can refer
- Project Lynx – coordinated support for child/youth victims of any crime, charge or no charge, at any point in justice process; voluntary service; anyone can refer
- Crime Prevention Victim Services Trust Fund – closing dates for proposals is August 15th at 11:59pm
- Youth Investment Fund – closing dates for proposals is October 2 at 11:59pm

Youth Directorate

[Chris Nash](#), Youth Programs Advisor / [Gord Kurzynski](#), Manager / [Alexis Miller](#), Youth Communications Coordinator: 867-667-8213

The 2017 Outstanding Youth Achievement Award Recipients have been chosen and will be announced Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Recognition posters are in production, and will be distributed to schools/youth centres/ youth serving organizations mid-late August.

Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition

[Meg Grudeski](#), Housing Navigator/ Housing Coordinator: 867-334-9307

Just a note of invitation to the next steering committee meeting for Push for Change, a national initiative to raise awareness and support for youth homelessness prevention. Joe Roberts is pushing a shopping cart across the country to raise awareness and present his message.

Our Yukon event is happening September 7th & 8th in Whitehorse and we greatly need additional youth agency support and involvement.

Yukon Child & Youth Advocate Office

Annette King, Child and Youth Advocate: 867-456-5575



The Yukon Child and Youth Advocate Office is an independent office of the Yukon Legislative Assembly that represents the rights, views and preferences of children and youth who are eligible or currently receiving government services and programs. These services may be in the areas of Family and Children's Services, Health, Education, Mental Health or Youth Justice. The Advocate's primary concern is to ensure that a child or youth's rights views or preferences are heard and considered in decisions that affect their lives.

In addition to individual advocacy, YCAO provides systemic advocacy and public education about the role of the office and the rights of children.

- Staffing Update:
Annette King – Child and Youth Advocate;
Bengie Clethero, Deputy Child and Youth Advocate;
Annie Blake – Administration/Communications Assistant
- Review of *Child and Youth Advocate Act* – The Act was passed in 2009 and was to have a review after 5 years. The Advocate has contacted the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to provide input on experiences of the office to date.
- Individual Advocacy – continues to be high demand for services. YCAO is focusses on youth directed identification of advocacy issues and finding child/youth centred resolutions.
- YCAO has competed a revised Protocol with Health and Social Services
- Systemic Advocacy – YCAO is working on refining process to identify and address systemic or policy issues that are identified in the course of individual advocacy.
- Jayscare Foundation – YCAO has established a partnership with Jayscare Foundation to develop a youth led TRC reconciliation event focussed on baseball and culture. YCAO is looking for youth leaders (ages 11-13), adult supporters and community partners to assist with the project.

<p>Do you know an 11-13 year old indigenous youth that would like to participate in the youth led Jayscare Reconciliation project involving culture and baseball? Please have them call Annette or Annie at (867)456-5575. Deadline: September 1, 2017</p>
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The next YNG meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m. Location: TBA