

UPDATES – YOUTH NETWORK GROUP – MAY 2018

In Attendance:

Big Brothers Big Sisters Yukon	Angela Krueger
Bringing Youth Towards Equality	Shelby Maunder
Employment and Training Services	Katie Doerksen
Our Voices	Alyssa Carpenter
Teslin Recreation	Kelsey Hassard
Youth Directorate	Chris Nash/Ashley Harris
Yukon Child and Youth Advocate Services	Taylor Campbell

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon

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

- looking for volunteers to be In School Mentors
 - have capacity for both children and youth in community and In School Mentoring programs
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Employment and Training Services

[Nancy Paldy](#), Manager, 867-667-8760

- Employment and Training Services (ETS) is looking to compile information on resources for youth in the community.
 - ETS is hoping to help our referred youth get involved in the community and take meaningful training that will lead to future career development.
 - Through taking on different opportunities in the community, ETS hopes that youth will be more knowledgeable about resources in the community.
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Skills Canada Yukon

[Marie Furman](#), Program Coordinator, 867-668-2736

Changes to the Organization

- We have a new Executive Director, Sam Hand
- Previous Program Coordinator Sarah Tomlin will be returning from maternity leave August 16th

Summer Camp

- Facilitated a Try-A-Trades summer camp at Yukon College for 13 kids aged 11-13.
- Each day focused on a different trade/technology, which were podcasting/vlogging, chocolate making, electrical installations and welding.

- The final day was spent touring local workshops to see the trades in action.
- Feedback was extremely positive.
- We could not have done it without the amazing professionals that came in to help us administer the programming, nor the support of the summer camp staff.

Yukon Association for Community Living

[Megan White](#), YACL Youth Program Coordinator

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- We are in the process of launching YACL Peer Mentor on Instagram as an outlet to access more Yukon Youth through social media.
- Coordination for the Falls Peer Mentor program is underway with some small projects being coordinated for the summer months to keep youth connected to the organization over the summer.
- New Marketing materials to be launched in the coming month.
- Summer inclusion Rec program- available for ALL Yukon Youth/Adults with and without disabilities.

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:
 - Annette King – Child and Youth Advocate
 - Bengie Clethero, Deputy Child and Youth Advocate
 - Annie Blake – Administration/Communications Assistant
 - Taylor Campbell – Step Student (End August 16, 2018)
 - Lynda Silverfox – Systemic Analysis
 - Jessica Williams – Advocacy Caseworker

Individual advocacy continues to be in high demand for services. We are promoting children's rights (UNCRC) in government services and monitoring TRC calls to action regarding child welfare and education.

- **Global Child Project:** YCAO is a partner with the Global Child Project with Dr. Ziba. The plan is to do 1-2 youth focus groups this fall, for youth ages 10-17 years of age. YCAO intends to focus on the rights to education and culture.
- **Group home** review is underway. The focus is on experiences of children and youth who have lived in group homes during April 1st, 2015 – March 31st, 2018. Part of the review will consist of meeting with youth, families, Yukon First Nations, services providers to hear what the issues are for children living in group homes, while looking for recommendations to make meaningful change to have better outcomes for children and youth living in group homes.
- **YCAO** is following the review of the Child and Family Services Act review and will be providing a submission based on our experiences with children and youth.
- **Ageing out of Care Video** complete and will be distribution once distribution plan has been finalized.
- **Youth homelessness video** YCAO is working in partnership with Kwanlin Dun First Nation and Shakat to create this video.
- **Facebook** YCAO has a Facebook page, if you have information regarding youth programs, services, workshops or training opportunities that we can share on this Facebook, please let us know and we can post this information to our page. YCAO Facebook link: www.facebook.com/yukonchildandyouthadvocateoffice

For more information, please feel free to contact us at the contact info provided below:

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**The next YNG meeting: Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 @ 1:15
p.m.
Location: TBA**