



Cultural Integration Youth Outreach Project: Youth FAQs

I've been selected for CIYO, what now?

Once you have been chosen to participate in CIYO, a Cultural Outreach Worker will call you to set up your first meeting.

What are meetings?

Meetings are a chance for you to check in with your Cultural Outreach Worker every week. Most of the meetings will be used to create your Personal Success Plan and work on your goals. However, two meetings per month will be dedicated to doing a fun recreational activity and a cultural activity.

What happens if I miss a meeting?

Missing one meeting is okay, as long as you call your Cultural Outreach Worker to check in and reschedule. However, one of the requirements for being in CIYO is that you show commitment. If you miss more than three meetings without talking to your Cultural Outreach Worker, then your weekly meeting time will be given to another youth.

What are Personal Success Plans?

A Personal Success Plan is a tool that helps you choose what goals you want to work on in your life. It also helps you identify what steps you need to take to achieve your goal. In CIYO, you are the boss and we only work on the goals you think are important. Your goals could be anything from getting on a sports team, to finding somewhere to sleep at night, to getting back into school. Whatever you think is important we will work on.

What if I have court-ordered community service hours to complete?

Court-ordered community service hours are a pain so we try to get those done ASAP. Luckily, with your Cultural Outreach Worker you can choose the activities that will count as your hours.

Will we do anything fun in the project?

At least one meeting per month with your Cultural Outreach worker will be focused on doing something fun like going to a movie, playing some basketball or checking out a dance class etc.

We also have monthly group activities planned where you will meet the other youth involved in the project and have a chance to participate in team building activities, special cultural or sports events, concerts, and even go to camp!