

Cultural Integration Youth Outreach Project (CIYO) Information Sheet

Objectives:

CIYO will work with Aboriginal and Newcomer youth from Winnipeg's West End who are considered high-risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system or who may be experiencing trouble successfully integrating into the community. The objectives of the project are:

- To connect youth back to their cultures and expand their knowledge and understanding of other cultures present in the community.
- To provide support and space for youth to develop personal success plans, empowering youth to take charge of their lives and realize their goals.
- To empower youth to share their culture with other youth in the community through presentations, activities and events.

How the Project Works:

Youth who are selected to participate in CIYO will be assigned to a Cultural Outreach Worker who will meet with them weekly to identify unmet basic needs, personal goals and facilitate cultural experiences within the West End community.

Youth involved in CIYO will:

- Become empowered through developing their own Personal Success Plan and accomplishing their goals at their own pace.
- Have their basic needs such as clothing, food and access to safe places fulfilled
- Become connected to services that address their needs and goals within the community
- Work on and complete their restorative justice or community service hours with the supervision of a Cultural Outreach Worker



- Become more connected to their culture and more knowledgeable about other cultures in the community.

Wraparound Approaches:

This project utilises wraparound practices and approaches. The Cultural Outreach Worker will remain in close contact with whomever the youth has identified as their Professional (Service Providers) or Natural Supports (Family/Friends). The youth's Personal Success Plans will be shared with these supports to individuals so that as a team they may help the youth achieve their goals.

The development of the Personal Success Plans will also be *needs* driven and *not* service driven. Cultural Outreach Workers will support the youth in developing goals, through Personal Success Plans, which will meet their self-identified needs.

Intake Process

Once the Referral-Intake Form has been received by the CIYO team, they will review the application to insure that the youth meets the requirements of the project. Youth participants must:

- Be between the ages of 12 and 18
- Live within the boundaries of the West End (optional)
- Have at least two items checked off in the Risk Assessment completed on the Intake form
- Show interest in participating in the program and can commit to weekly meetings

If the youth meets the above requirements, then they will be contacted by an outreach worker to set up their first meeting. After the first meeting, the Cultural Outreach Worker will contact both the family and the Natural and Professional Supports of the youth to inform them of the project.

If your agency needs more information regarding the Cultural Integration Youth Outreach Project, please contact:

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Intake forms are available online at www.spenceneighbourhood.org under Cultural Integration Youth Outreach