

Youth in Transition

MISSION

Our Mission is to assist youth ages 15-24 as they make their transition out of care into adulthood by providing one to one support, and group based educational programs, aimed at enhancing health and wellness and building essential life skills.

VISION

We envision, all youth having a place to call home where they feel welcomed, accepted, and valued; We see a future for youth, where they have the skills, resources, and strong connections required to successfully transition to adulthood.

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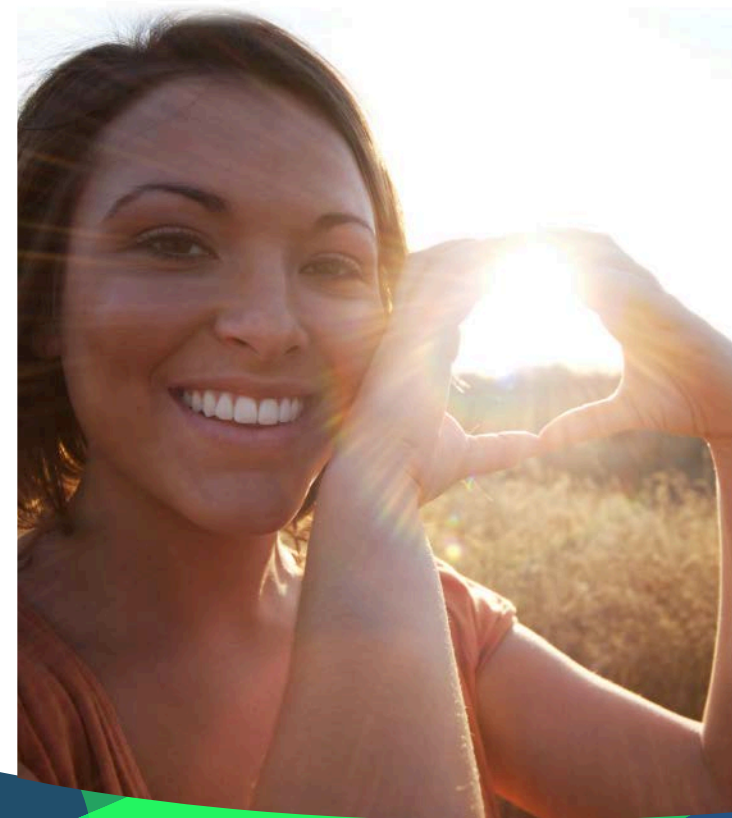
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**Culturally
Based and
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CLINICAL SERVICES

YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAMS VALUES:

- ▶ We understand that many of our youth have been let down, and therefore we value Accountability. We will follow through on our commitments, we will not cancel meetings, and we will be consistent in our services;
- ▶ Our Youth in Transition Programs promotes equality and celebrate diversity. We are allies for youth that identify as LGBTQT-S;
- ▶ Our Youth in Transition Programs promote compassion. We understand that being in the child welfare system was not easy. We will always listen and help in a caring and compassionate manner;
- ▶ Our Youth in Transition Programs will respect youth on all levels and meet them where they are at. You will be treated with the dignity and respect at our program;
- ▶ Our Youth in Transition Programs believe that youth require a strong sense of connection to their Anishinaabe identity and will provide opportunities for attachment to culture. We believe in our traditional teachings around rights of passage to adulthood, and as such, we provide opportunities for youth to find their purpose and follow their dreams.

YITW SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

The goal of the Youth-in-Transition Worker (YITW) program is to support youth in their successful transition out of the child welfare system into adulthood. YITWs will help youth to develop their goals, and will support youth to identify, access, and navigate adult service systems relevant to their individual needs and goals.

Some of the resources and supports may include:

- ▶ Preparation and support to live independently;
- ▶ Education resources;
- ▶ Cultural Supports;
- ▶ Employment services and training;
- ▶ Life Skills training (e.g., financial management, household management);
- ▶ Health and behavioral health services;
- ▶ Legal services;
- ▶ Anishinaabe healing and support;
- ▶ Support eligible youth to develop and maintain relationships with responsible, caring adults in the community to help them as they transition to adulthood;
- ▶ Foster communication and linkages with community agencies/organizations to improve access and mitigate barriers to services for eligible youth;

The Youth in Transition Worker will collaborate with Weechi-it-te-win, the First Nation Community Care Programs, and/or other relevant services to ensure that all eligible youth are referred to the YIT Program on or before their 15th Birthday. The Youth in Transition Worker will also work diligently to create awareness about the YIT program and provide outreach activities for all eligible youth.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR WFS YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM

As noted, the WFS YIT Program are specifically designed to provide services to Youth ages 15-24 who meet the following criteria:

- ▶ In care with Weechi-it-te-win Family Services through the following agreements:
 - Customary Care;
 - Continuing Care Supports for Youth; (CCSY)
 - Voluntary Youth Service Agreement (ages 16-17).
- ▶ Youth that have recently left the care of Weechi-it-te-win with no agreement in place but is between the ages of 15-24;
- ▶ Youth in Care with affiliated organizations but reside within the Rainy River District and would like to access YIT services through WFS;
- ▶ Members of the 10 First Nations that are interested in attending group-based activities.

