

Working to Solve Homelessness:

Broadway Youth Resource Centre



“Open since 1999, Broadway Youth Resource Centre (BYRC) is an integrated one-stop centre that provides a wide range of social, health, education, employment and life skills services to homeless and at-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 24.”

Since opening in 1999, the Centre has helped youth with education, vocational training, employment, health, addiction counseling, and life skills. There is a drop-in resource room with computers, phones, FAX, workshops, activities, celebrations, food, and information about housing and employment. A walk-in medical clinic offers free health care and counseling. The spiritual and cultural well-being of Aboriginal youth is addressed through weekly talking circles and ceremonies

The overall operation of the Centre is under the direction of the Pacific Community Resources Society. Specific programs and activities are delivered by a variety of groups including Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Greater Vancouver, City University, Leave Out Violence, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance, Pacific Community Resources Society, Urban Native Youth Association, Vancouver Community College, Vancouver Native Health Society, and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.

The Centre is open from 1 pm to 7 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 2:30 pm to 7 pm on Wednesdays; and 1 pm to 6 pm on Fridays. The long-term goal is to rebuild the centre and to include transitional housing for youth as part of the new facility.

The achievements of the Centre and its staff have been recognized on a number occasions. In 2006, the Centre received an EVA's Initiatives Award for Innovation sponsored by CIBC. Also in 2006, staff member Jean Moore received the Outstanding Achievement Award for Advocacy from the Child Welfare League of Canada.

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