

YOUTH RESTORATIVE ACTION PROJECT



WHAT IS YRAP?

YRAP is the Youth Restorative Action Project. YRAP was formed in 2003 with the concern that youth were often not equipped to advocate for their rights in the systems in which they find themselves, such as the child welfare system, the education system, and the criminal justice system. YRAP believes in and practices restorative justice, a community-based approach in which those who have committed offences are held accountable for harm that they have caused and help those harmed. We aim to offer creative and effective alternatives that will serve the youth and community at large.



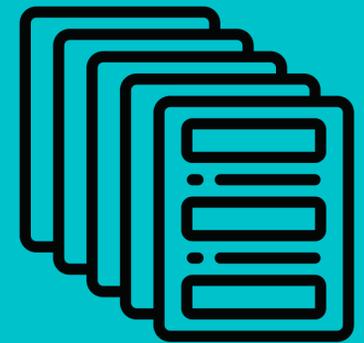
WHAT PROGRAMS DOES YRAP OFFER?

- Extrajudicial Files and Legal Support
- Mentorship
- Drop In Programs
- Community Support Program
- Research Committee
- Programming with youth in custody



EXTRAJUDICIAL FILES AND LEGAL SUPPORT

A large part of our work is helping youth clear charges, which is often where we can make the biggest impact. The majority of referrals we receive are EXJS files, though we also take on AMP files for youth between the ages of 18 and 24, as well as sentencing files. Depending on the circumstances, we may help develop bail release plans, advocate for reduced or alternative sentences, or connect youth to other justice committees that may be a better fit. Most referrals come through from probation in Edmonton and surrounding areas but we also get referrals from Crown prosecutors, lawyers, or staff at EYOC and EYAC, though sometimes officers or social workers are our first point of contact.



Do you need legal assistance? Here is our [referral form](#).



MENTORSHIPS

For youth in the community who need guidance and role models, or just someone to hang out with, we offer our mentorship program. We match youth with volunteer mentors and provide each match with a small budget to do activities together that would otherwise be out of reach.

Interested in a mentor? Here is our [referral form](#).



DROP IN PROGRAMS

We provide free drop in programs for youth. This includes in person activities like Activate, Waterpark, Lazer Tag and more! We also provide at home drop in's in the form of DIY kits or activities that are dropped off by our volunteers.

Want to join a drop in? Sign up using our [website](#).





HOW CAN YRAP HELP?



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



YRAP offers a community support program that will work with youth to provide any supports they may be in need of or connect them to other agencies. This can include addiction supports, mental health, job and employment supports, education, language supports, food security and many other areas of assistance. We provide supports on an ongoing and indefinite basis based on the areas of support required by the youth or their level of need. Our role with each youth varies - we may provide resources, a cell phone, support referrals, assist with tasks, advocate or supervise other YRAP programs they access. YRAP works closely alongside the youth's workers, family and other networks.

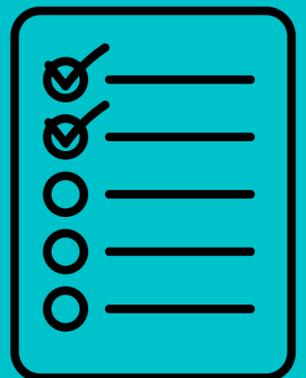


Looking for community supports? Here is a our [referral form](#).

RESEARCH COMMITTEE



The Research Committee partners with academic and community partners to collaborate in producing research on restorative justice and the criminal justice system. We seek to centre youth experiences and would love to work with community partners who wish to do the same. We have partnered with academic scholars from the University of Alberta in the past, as our committee members take part in practicing research skills, engaging in discussions, and contributing to practical projects. Past and ongoing activities include research workshops, collaborative studies, data collection and analysis exercises, and partnerships with external stakeholders.



Interested in collaborating academically with us? Please reach out to research@yrap.org.



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Looking for or working with youth who would like volunteer experience? We host volunteer trainings a few times a year and have a wide range of committees and activities youth can volunteer in.

Here is our [referral form](#) to volunteer with us!



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