

Port Alberni Friendship Center

Urban Partnerships Youth Hospitality, Tourism & Entrepreneurship Training Program *Information Sheet*

Who should apply to be a Participant

The Port Alberni Friendship Center is now beginning to screen for up to 15 participants of aboriginal descent **ages 16 to 24** to join us for our new phase of our Aboriginal Youth Employment & Training program focusing on **Hospitality, Tourism and Entrepreneurship**. Potential candidates could be enrolled in school or not attending school (but should not quit school to attend). Although all the costs of training, schooling, transportation (ie. bus pass), may be covered, no money is paid directly to participants by PAFC during the training portion of the program. The Port Alberni Friendship Center will be offering points for participants to attend workshops which will go towards attending GOV as well as monthly prizes. The target areas the program will be focused on are life skills workshops West Coast Slam, First Aid, CPR, Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution, Retail Sales Training, Switch It Forward for Youth, Strategies for Starting Up Your Business and Driver's Education and field trips focused on raising awareness of Tourism. The program will run over a six-month period, and **will begin September 13th, 2016 and will conclude March 31st, 2017**. However, all interested candidates **must be screened and interviewed prior to the start of training**. Registration now available.

What the Program Offers

The program offers participants ongoing individual support from a qualified job coach and other program partners such as North Island College and INEO. We as partners will be personally working with several participants as they address the areas that have made it challenging to hold down, sustainable employment in the past. During the **6 months** of the program, the Youth will work intensively on pre-employment training in the form of workshops geared to enhance the participants overall communication, organization, and educational skill sets. The intent is that participants will continue to complete any upgrading they require at the Center. Participants will also have access to individual support from a Coach/Counselor over the next six-month period with the goal being sustained employment and moving forward.

What the Program is designed to do

The program for Youth is intended to work with participants to challenge themselves to grow in as many areas as they are able to identify within the time restraints of the program. Their hard work and our support will ultimately payoff by giving each of them the greatest opportunity for success as they continue on in their lives. Upon completing the AYETP program, the participants will have acquired the necessary skills to navigate the work world with greater confidence and very likely sustained employment within the community of Port Alberni. While for others, they may choose to balance part-time employment with upgrading as they work towards fulfilling on their individual dreams by continuing onto post-secondary education.

Who to Contact

Please call **Jeff Jeffries or Celestine Andrew** at **250-723-8281** if you have any further questions or are interested in taking this awesome program.



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SEEKING more PARTICIPANTS for the

**Urban Partnership – Aboriginal Youth
Employment Program**

Commencing September 13th, 2016 – March 31st, 2017

Who Should Apply:

- People 16 - 24 years of age
- Enrolled in school or not enrolled in school
- In need of work training
- Not receiving EI benefits or have received benefits in the past 3 years
- Be mentally and physically able to commit to 6 months for the program

What the program offers:

- Life Skills
- Certificates in First Aid & CPR, and POS Training
- Communication/Conflict Resolution,
Switch It Forward for Youth, Strategies for Starting a Business, etc.
- Field Tourism Trips to Tofino, Ucluelet, Parksville/Qualicum Beach and Port Alberni
- Leads to sustainable employment

What the Program is Designed to Do:

- For participants to challenge themselves to grow
in many areas as they continue on with their lives
- For hard-work to pay off with success in their lives
- Acquire the skills needed for employment

**If this Program sounds like it meets what you need, please contact:
Jeff Jeffries or Celestine Andrew at (250) 723-8281 for information on
how to register.**