



Hello

Thank you for your interest in the YEAH! Youth Excelling & Attaining Housing Parenting Program.

Unfortunately, YEAH! is currently full, with a fairly extensive waitlist. The program is 1.5-2 years in length, and because of that we have a very slow turnover.

Keeping that in mind, I am happy to add your client to the waitlist. Sometimes as we work our way down the list people's circumstances have changed and they no longer require their spot, so it can be faster than expected. Please read through and share with your client the following program information and send me your client's info as outlined below:

What we offer

- Housing specific support including: a rent supplement for market housing in the lower mainland, housing search assistance, support and education around tenancy rights & landlord negotiation, and life skill development in securing and sustaining safe housing
- Monthly bus pass
- One to one outreach support and advocacy
- Monthly life skills groups
- Connections to community partners and resources including: parenting and pregnancy support, childcare support, employment programs, educational options, applying to long-term subsidized housing, etc.

Who can participate?

- Pregnant or parenting* youth who:
- Are between the ages of 16-24
- Are living in unsafe or precarious housing, homeless or at risk for homelessness
- Are connected to an addictions or mental health counselor or other one-to-one support
- Are on either income assistance, an AYA or youth agreement, employed below the poverty line, or receive student funding below the poverty line
- Are willing and able to attend monthly lifeskills groups (program requirement) and one to one outreach meeting
- *YEAH! Parenting Program is open to all genders and recognizes all levels of parenting for potential program participants. Applicants who are co-parenting or whose children are in part or full time care are recognized as parents and meet the parenting requirement of the program.

The program is currently FULL. If you meet the program requirements and would like to apply to the waitlist, please email the following information to the YEAH! support worker (lavern@watari.ca):

- Name: _____
- Date of birth: _____
- Contact information (phone, email, etc.): _____
- Name and contact of external Support Worker (counsellor, outreach worker, one to one parenting support, etc.):

- Current housing status (homeless or at risk of homelessness, transition house, housed, etc.):

- Parenting situation (pregnant, parenting part/full-time, child(ren) in care, etc.):

- If pregnant; due date: _____
- If parenting; How many children and DOB of each:

- Income source (IA, PWD, Employment, student funding etc.):

- How did you find out about the program?

Thank you for your interest, and feel free to contact me with any further questions.