

THE PAYC EXECUTIVE



The PAYC Executive Committee is a board of 5 youth who are elected every year at the BCAAFC Annual General Meeting. The committee is made up of the BC Youth Representative and four other PAYC representatives. They vote on the BCAAFC Board of Directors, and are responsible for speaking on behalf of PAYC when the BCAAFC is making decisions about goals and directions.

This year's committee is made up of:

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Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (PAYC)

Of the BC Association of
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TO FIND OUT MORE...

If you would like to learn more about the PAYC, please contact the PAYC Coordinator:

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FIND OUT HOW
YOU CAN GET
INVOLVED...

WHAT IS THE PAYC?



The Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (PAYC) is a youth council made up of youth aged 14-24 who are involved with Friendship Centres across BC.

We exist.....

"To create a healthier future for Aboriginal youth by being a voice, taking action, and making positive changes at a local and provincial level"



PAYC strives to:

- Support BC Friendship Centres to develop strong local youth councils.
- Network for Aboriginal youth in BC
- Provide an opportunity for youth to learn about other Friendship Centres.
- Act as a liaison between Friendship Centre youth councils and the BCAAFC Board of Directors.
- Lobby for programs that support Aboriginal Youth

WHAT DOES PAYC DO?



PAYC comes together four times a year when they attend the BCAAFC quarterly meetings. The BCAAFC is the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, and they act to link all the friendship centres in BC. These meetings are an opportunity for PAYC members to voice their hopes and concerns on behalf of youth.



Recent PAYC Projects include:

- Planning a Youth Conference for March, 2005
- A lobby for more funding for youth centres
- Holding workshops with youth councils at Friendship Centres in order to increase communication between them, share ideas, and build skills
- PAYC day: a day where all the youth councils have the opportunity to apply for money to hold an event at their centre

HOW CAN I JOIN PAYC?



If you are interested in getting involved with PAYC, speak to the youth coordinator or executive director at your Friendship Centre. Membership is open to youth between the ages of 14-24 who are consistent participants in their local Friendship Centres.

Youth delegates selected to attend the BCAAFC quarterly meetings should be:

- Regularly involved in their Friendship centre's activities
- Passionate about Aboriginal youth issues
- Knowledgeable and/or interested in Aboriginal culture and traditions
- Healthy role models
- Supportive of PAYC's goals and aims as specified in their mission statement

A youth delegate who wants to attend BCAAFC meetings must:

- Have full support from the Board of Directors of their Friendship Centre
- Make an annual commitment to attending meetings

