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West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre		416-755-9215
Youthdale Treatment Centre		416-368-4896 ex. 2604

Youth Justice System Acronyms

ACLC African Canadian Legal Clinic	ERSP Early Release Support Program
ALS Aboriginal Legal Services	ISSP Intensive Support and Supervision Program
AYSP Associated Youth Services of Peel	LAO Legal Aid Ontario
CAS Children's Aid Society	MAG Ministry of Attorney General
CFSA Child and Family Services Act	MCYS Ministry of Children and Youth Services
CLO Court Liaison Officer	PACT Participation, Acknowledgement, Commitment, Transformation
CAMH Centre for Addiction and Mental Health	PCLO Probation Court Liaison Officer
CMHA Canadian Mental Health Association	PO Probation Officer
CSO Community Service Order	RSVP Relationship Skills Violence Prevention
CTYS Central Toronto Youth Services	VWAP Victim Witness Assistance Program
EJM Extrajudicial Measure	YCAPP Youth Court Action Planning Program
EJS Extrajudicial Sanction	YCJA Youth Criminal Justice Act
EEJS Enhanced Extrajudicial Sanction	YJC Youth Justice Committees



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Leave Out Violence (L.O.V.E)

Our Project Reference Group and
Technical Support Network

National Crime Prevention Centre
The Hospital for Sick Children
The Training Centre for Victims
Toronto Police Services Youth Centre
Toronto Youth Cabinet

Who can participate?

- ❖ Females and Males ages 16-30 who are or have been involved in a youth gang
- ❖ Legally entitled to work in Canada
- ❖ Currently unemployed and not attending school
- ❖ Committed to participating in the Project
- ❖ Priority to Residents of Scarborough
- ❖ Committed to cooperative group norms and agreements

By taking part in the 'Breaking the Cycle' project, youth will learn:

- ✓ Who they really are and how to live life the way they want to, while not hurting others.
- ✓ How to prevent other people from controlling what they do and how they feel or think.
- ✓ Ways to manage their feelings, thoughts, and actions in ways that will allow them to reach their goals.
- ✓ How to set realistic and achievable goals.
- ✓ How to manage anger, and the anger of other people.
- ✓ To understand the cycle of violence and ways to stop violence in their lives, with their family members, peers and within the larger community.
- ✓ How to have healthy, fun and safe relationships with other people.

How to make a difference in their community and how to be a leader in non-violence.

The skills which will help them to succeed in their future career choices.

Exploring the Program

The Leadership and Support Project commences with an intensive 2 week training program which is followed up with a 1 week one to one case

management process. These follow up sessions are essential to the Program because the participants will have the opportunity to be:

- Provided with support to be linked to meaningful educational and job training opportunities
- Provided with support in relationships with peers, employers and parents
- Assisted in resolving conflict non-violently
- Provided with support and guidance in securing placement in an internship program
- Compensated up to \$285 per week in training pay

Upon completing Phase 1, youth will be...

- More likely to leave and remain away from gangs
- More likely to make pro-social lifestyle choices
- More likely to be hopeful and see a future for themselves
- More likely to have improved relationships with peers, employers and parents
- More likely to be successful in school, training and employment
- More likely to resolve conflict non-violently
- More able to resist using alcohol or other drugs

- Participants who complete the 3 week intensive training program may decide not to take part in the second phase of the program as some individuals may choose to return to school.

Exploring the Program

The purpose of the Youth Ambassador Employment Preparation Project is to enhance the employment readiness of up to 25 youth.

The project aims to recruit, train and employ 25 youth with leadership potential and with personal histories and attributes that facilitate communication with, and, respect from these high-risk youth that this project intends to serve.

Participants will also be part of implementing community awareness mainly through speaking engagements and development projects in Scarborough (and other areas of Toronto), aimed at increasing opportunities for high risk youth to reduce the risk of gang involvement and to enhance a positive image of youth in the community.

While involved in Phase 2, youth will...

- Receive a 25 week Employment Readiness and Leadership Preparation Program
- Be remunerated up to \$285 per week
- Have the opportunity to make a difference in the community by delivering presentations and/or being part of strategic planning groups
- Continue to receive Leadership Training
- Have access to other personal growth opportunities
- Receive a bonus upon completion of the program
- Complete First Aid and CPR certification
- Complete formal training in Conflict Resolution and Mediation
- Complete a Leadership Ropes Course
- Complete an Educational Assessment to support SCHOOL re-entry
- Have FUN while learning!