



The Youth, Family, and Community Safety and Wellbeing Services are delivered through the following projects:

- *Hispanic Homelessness Prevention*
- *Latino-Hispanic Youth Challenge - Violence Prevention/Intervention*
- *Community Safety: Gang Prevention-Gang Intervention.*

The Youth Program *Youth, Family, and Community Safety and Wellbeing Services* reaches close to one thousand people a year including young children youth, adults and seniors. The *Hispanic Homelessness Prevention* offers family and youth counseling, peer mentoring, workshops on communication, community and family relations as ways of keeping housing and prevent evictions, get into school and/or the workforce.

The *Latino-Hispanic Youth Challenge – Violence Prevention/Intervention* has two key components:

- Violence and gang prevention and intervention work with the parents and the youth
- Ongoing, year-round counseling.

This with the following deliverables:

- Youth Mentorship and Leadership
- Parenting
- Grievance

On delivering the *Community Safety: Gang Prevention-Gang Intervention* project the *Youth, Family, and Community Safety and Wellbeing Services* offers counseling, workshops, discussion circles, group work, and conferences. These services are provide in schools, community centres, housing coops, etc. Within this sector of the program, there have been many successes and recognitions from administrators, teachers, and students.

Partnerships and organizations where the youth Program delivered services:

- The Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre,
- The Catholic Children Aid Society (North York and Etobicoke Branches)
- York Hispanic Centre,
- North York Community House,
- El Manantial Community Centre,
- Across Boundaries,
- Canadian Training Institute Rexdale and East York. -Gang Exit-
- Saint Leonard Place,
- Metro Separate School Board
- The Toronto District School Board,
- Etobicoke, Central, and Scarborough Year Round Alternative Centres
- Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils. Alternative
- Programs, TDSB,

Media in Spanish

The youth program's exposure to the Hispano/Latino community and main stream has been projected through:

Voces Latinas 1610 AM
Radio Ondas Hispanas
CBC Radio 99.1 FM

Printed Spanish language media,

Correo Canadiense

El Popular

Monarka

The exposure is also made visible by participating in different main stream bodies and organizations dealing with youth issues, gang violence, community safety, etc.

The *Youth, Family, and Community Safety and Wellbeing Services* has presence in the following:

- City of Toronto Youth Gang Advisory Committee
- Toronto Police Services Board - Advisory Panel on Community Safety
- Diversity and Gang Subcommittees of the Greater Toronto Area Youth Centre
- Safe City for Youth – A Culture of Smart Choices. Conference organized by the City of Toronto and the Government of Canada

At the *Youth, Family, and Community Safety and Wellbeing Services* we like to share stories resulting from the work with youth:

To Nico, Josue and Don Luis, (Youth Program Manager)

Thank you from all of us at the Etobicoke Year Round Alternative Centre for sharing with us your experiences and your words of wisdom. Your messages were heard loud and clear. Don't stop your journey forward. You can help many others see the light. The teachers and students at EYRAC appreciate your efforts to improve society.