

# ABOUT A WAY HOME KAMLOOPS

A Way Home Kamloops is a charitable non-profit that provides prevention, housing, employment, and education services to support youth in achieving critical developmental milestones as part of a healthy transition to adulthood.

A Way Home Kamloops is implementing Kamloops' Community plan "A Way Home: A plan to end youth homelessness" through a continuum of housing options that operate from a "Youth Housing First" philosophy.



## WORKING TOGETHER TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

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EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

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## EMPLOYMENT

We collaborate with many businesses within the community who hire A Way Home Kamloops youth and help them in skill development. We also have connections with employment readiness services, such as WorkBC, to help youth get the certifications they need for work.

We are always expanding our list of employers for youth to help ensure opportunities are available for all interests and skill levels.

## EDUCATION

We also help youth pursue their education goals by completing their high school diploma, adult upgrading, post-secondary studies, and assist in securing financial aid such as the Tuition Waiver for youth formerly in foster care or student loans.

Thompson Rivers University offers 5 bursaries of up to \$4000 in tuition a year for youth in A Way Home Kamloops housing or who have experienced homelessness.



# EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION TEAM

## WHAT WE DO

We help youth ages 16-24 sustain their housing and build their futures by connecting them with businesses for employment opportunities and help them pursue higher education.

We have a *peer navigator* youth can connect with to help with identifying, setting, and completing their goals.

## WHAT IS A PEER NAVIGATOR?

Our peer support navigator meets one on one with interested youth to discuss their goals and make collaborative plans to help ensure youth can pursue their goals in a supported environment.

This process encourages personal growth and independence while providing youth ongoing supports and contacts throughout their journey.

## VOLUNTEER

Youth participants are asked to volunteer with Youth Against Youth Homelessness, which is a group of youth developing leadership skills by sharing their expertise and knowledge on homelessness to shape our services and education the community on how homelessness affects youth.

# PEER NAVIGATION 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Below lists our service outcomes from the 2019 year.

**20 NEW YOUTH REFERRED**

**11 YOUTH FOUND EMPLOYMENT**

**6 YOUTH EXPLORED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**7 YOUTH ATTENDED OR ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**3 YOUTH ACCESSED THE AWHK BURSARY TO COVER TUITION**

**3 YOUTH COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL**

**3 YOUTH UPGRADED AT TRU**

**14 YOUTH ENTERED WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS**

**13 YOUTH COMPLETED OR UPDATED THEIR RESUMES**

**11 YOUTH VOLUNTEERED**

**12 YOUTH WERE CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

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