

Orientation 6 – Youth Services

Context:

Youth services include various training programs and activities designed to meet the needs of young people through capacity building that will facilitate networking among them.

The following three areas will be developed:

- 1) **Training camps:** the purpose of these camps is to equip youth with new skills and new knowledge acquired through a wide range of activities. Various fields of interest will be explored to take the needs and interests of the largest possible number of youth into consideration.
- 2) **Remedial classes:** summer courses aim at improving academic results in core subjects such as mathematics, French, English and chemistry. These courses are intended for students who need to review certain subjects, further explore concepts learned during the school year or address certain shortcomings. The purpose is to offer educational upgrading to youth living in remote communities where there is no access to this type of course owing to their geographic location.
- 3) **Sports:** the services offered aim to meet a need expressed by member-community schools. They consist of the annual organization of regional sports events where youth can compete against each other, surpass themselves, and develop self-confidence and self-esteem. Likewise, these services are intended to offer students a major source of motivation during the school year (training and practising a sport). The FNEC offers these regional services to schools in First Nations communities that are unable to offer them on their own.

Implementation considerations:

- The FNEC has developed services and activities to meet the needs of youth;
- The FNEC aims to facilitate networking between First Nations youth, increase their motivation and support their complete development, via the practice of sports and the acquisition of new skills and knowledge.

Objectives	Methods	Results
6.1 The FNEC offers specialized summer camps for First Nations youth such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day camp monitor training; • first aid training camps; • music camps; • literacy camps; • First Nations languages and traditions camps; • linguistic immersion camps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and offer training camps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of reading skills among youth will be promoted through activities such as the arts, reading and writing. • Youth will be given the opportunity to broaden their horizons and enjoy their work while exploring and developing new skills.
6.2 The FNEC supports students of member communities by offering remedial classes during the summer (normally offered in provincial schools) to allow students to move up to the next level (e.g. French, English, mathematics and chemistry).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a service offering for summer courses. • Develop a method of delivery (online, classroom or other). • Offer remedial classes during the summer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth will receive assistance to improve their academic results in core subjects. • Youth will receive support to gain access to higher education.

<p>6.3 The holding of an annual event such as the FNEC Inter-school Games allows member-community students aged 10 to 18 to take part in a friendly sports competition. In addition to encouraging youth to become involved in sports, these games contribute to promoting school attendance, healthy lifestyles and healthy food choices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek and develop partnerships. • Organize and coordinate regional events. • Support communities in the planning and organization of sports and recreational activities. • Promote sports and recreational activities. • Assess the impact on an annual basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth will improve their physical fitness. • Youth will learn about cooperation, effort and discipline. • Participants will meet other First Nations youth and share their knowledge.
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