



National Association of Friendship Centres

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32nd Annual Youth Forum
Reconcili-ACTION – Strengthening our communities
November 25-27, 2021
Victoria Conference Centre
720 Douglas St, Victoria, BC V8W 3M7

ABORIGINAL YOUTH COUNCIL – YOUTH FORUM SAFETY PLAN

Event Overview

The NAFC 32nd Annual Youth Forum co-host by the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) and the Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC) in Victoria, British Columbia, from November 26th – 27th, 2021.

The NAFC staff, Elders, Aboriginal Youth Council representatives, youth delegates, chaperones and counsellors will be staying at the Delta Victoria at 100 Harbor Road, Victoria, British Columbia V9A 0G1 for the duration of the youth forum event.

Security and Chaperones

The VNFC and NAFC will ensure there will be staff and security assigned at the Friendship Centre during the hours of the youth forum, including evening events and activities. Youth between the ages of 14-18 travel with a chaperone from their region. NAFC tracks this information in the online registration database.

Medical and First Aid provisions

The NAFC identifies staff trained in medical and first aid to inform participants and staff on site. The hotel and VNFC staff also will have a first aid kit and procedures shared on site. The NAFC staff also ensures to travel with one if one.

Event health, safety, and welfare

The NAFC collects participant information in a secure online registration database containing contact information, emergency contact information, allergies and any other considerations to note.

The Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) presents the code of conduct rules at the beginning of the event to ensure that the event is a safe and respectful space for all participants.



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AYC representatives are trained in Safe Talk ASSIST training to provide suicide prevention supports and mental health supports.

On-Site Support - Elders and Counsellors

The NAFC ensures that there is on-site Elder and Counsellor support to assist any participants who may need help during the youth forum event. There may be sensitive topics, so we ensure that this information is relayed to the group and provide a website and 24 telephone support numbers.

Emergency Procedures

The NAFC will compile the emergency procedures, including Fire Precautions for the VNFC and Delta Victoria, closer to the event date and distribute.

Accessibility

The NAFC ensures accessibility options are offered to participants to support their mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. In addition, to transportation options and all location sites that the event will be taking place. Including offering gender-neutral bathrooms to ensure an inclusive environment for LGBTQ2S+ youth and other participants attending.

The NAFC can also provide a more comprehensive plan as more details are confirmed closer event.