

A Collaborative Response to Aboriginal Youth Suicide in the Fraser Region



How we got here ...

- Formed in 2012 in response to a spike in youth suicides in the region
- Met six times: April 2012, May 2012, June 2012, November 2012, March 2013, June 2013
- Four major projects:
 - Training
 - Youth Empowerment & Engagement
 - Pathways
 - Youth Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention (PIP) Strategy

Training

- Gatekeeper/health professional training provided to over 300 health/social service professionals and community members

Youth Empowerment & Engagement

- 7 events in community



Pathways

- Communications and service pathways for community members and professional service providers in the event of a suicide or attempted suicide

Youth Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention (PIP) Strategy

- Six priority areas:
 1. School-based mental health promotion programs
 2. Gatekeeper training on suicide PIP
 3. Physician & health professional education on suicide PIP
 4. Culturally appropriate PIP services & diversity training for service providers
 5. Coordination of services for suicide PIP
 6. Postvention bereavement programs, services & supports

Today's Panel

- What is your role in the Collaborative?
- How has the Collaborative benefited the work you do around youth suicide prevention/intervention?