

WHO WE ARE

YAAACE is a Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving organization providing culturally reflective programs and services to mitigate the opportunity gap for racialized and under-resourced communities.

Founded in 2007, YAAACE serves 1000+ families and clients annually in a range of programs related to academics, athletics, expanded opportunities, employment, and violence prevention and intervention.

YAAACE has nearly two decades of experience working with multiple partners, stakeholders, and all three levels of government to deliver programs and services, as well as engage in data-driven knowledge mobilization and publications.

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UNDERSERVED
YOUTH**



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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Family Support

- Family Mediation Centre
- Counselling
- System Navigation

Expanded Opportunities & Athletics

- Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Recreational and Elite Activities
- Health and Wellness

Academic Intervention

- The Community School Initiative
- Youth Education Transitional Program
- Evening & Weekend Tutoring
- Bursary Program

Case Management

- Youth Diversion
- Supporting Youth Transitioning Back Into Community Post-Incarceration
- Customized Support Plan
- Mental Health Supports

Employment Support

- Employment Skills Training
- Job Opportunities
- Financial Literacy

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**NEW CHAPTER
NEW STORY**

**NEW
NARRATIVE**





ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The focus of this program is violence prevention and intervention, of racialized communities in northwest Toronto. The model features frontline risk intervention services, case management and various supports led by Community Resource Engagement Workers (CREW) who have lived experiences and deep connections to community. By engaging and developing trusting relationships with clients, CREW will support the building of their skills, setting life goals, connecting them to a relevant and culturally appropriate spectrum of services, and shifting their views around community violence.

PROGRAM MODEL

The program offers comprehensive services and programs using a public health approach. The community-driven project includes the following components:



Expanded Opportunities & Athletics



Family Resources & Care Coordination



Learning & Education Training



Employment Readiness/
Job Search Supports



Case Management/
Community Safety, Violence
Prevention & Intervention

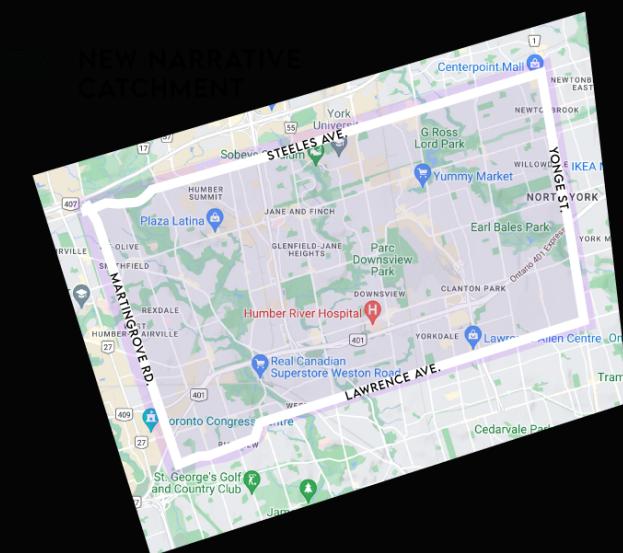
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ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

- 6-29 years of age
- Not engaged in schooling
- Resident in Northwest Toronto
- Lived experiences with serious crime & community violence
- Recently released from correctional facility or currently incarcerated



DISRUPTING CYCLES OF VIOLENCE