RAP FOR YOUTH: PROVIDING A SOLID FOUNDATION

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Welcome Centre Youth Hub
- Space to hang out, meet peers
- Youth Workers provide supports to immigrant and refugee youth and young adults
TARGETED SUPPORTS FOR VULNERABLE GAR YOUTH

Case Management for Youth and Young Adults
• Ages 16-30
• Focused on GARs
• Accompaniment, home visits, peer supports
• Individual and group services
MyCircle: Leadership and Facilitation Training Programs

- Range of training options, incl. gender specific
- Interactive activities and methodologies
- Opportunity to obtain paid work experience
- Safe space for youth to explore their unique challenges and solutions
ENGAGING YOUTH IN SERVICE PLANNING

Arabic Youth Refugee Consultation
ENGAGING YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

Newcomer Youth Civic Engagement Project (NYCEP)

- Winnipeg (NEEDS), Vancouver (ISSofBC), Toronto (COSTI), Halifax (ISANS)
- 25 hours leadership training and 25 hours community engagement project
- National Gathering in Winnipeg
Recognizing GAR youth have different experiences and needs than adults necessitates providing targeted RAP programming.

Youth GAR Orientations
- Vancouver (ISSofBC), Winnipeg (MIIC and NEEDS), Halifax (ISANS), Calgary (CCIS)
- Developing national orientation and curriculum materials
- 18 hour youth orientations for all newly arrived GAR youth (ages 14-18)
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