



WELCOME TO THE DECADE FOR YOUTH & DEVELOPMENT YOUTH COUNCILS TOOLKIT!

The Nishnawbe Aski Nation Decade for Youth & Development Office produced this Youth Councils Toolkit. It is designed to help youth in our communities to establish and run effective youth councils. It is available in hard copy, on disk and on the Internet. We encourage you to use the materials, the templates and follow the instructions on how to set up a community youth council. The toolkit includes the following:

Y An Introduction to Youth Councils. Find out what youth councils do and the benefits of joining or forming a council.

Y Steps to Organizing a Youth Council. Find out how to take action now!

Y Goal Setting for Your Youth Council. Find out why you should set goals for your YC.

Y Youth Council Template. Find out how to draft your own bylaws.

Y Sample Bylaws. This is an example of a real set of bylaws drafted by the NAN Decade Youth Council.

Y Resolution Template. Use this template to present a Resolution supporting the organization of your community youth council.

Y Code of Conduct and Officer Contract sample. Find out how you can make sure your YC members are responsible to each other and to the community.

Y Steps to Run a Good Meeting. Read this to find out more about hosting your first YC meeting.

Please feel free to reprint or reorganize any of the material presented here. Reading this information and applying it in your community is a good first step in organizing your youth council. Having an effective YC in your community might be just what is needed to address concerns facing your youth.

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Good luck with your new YC!