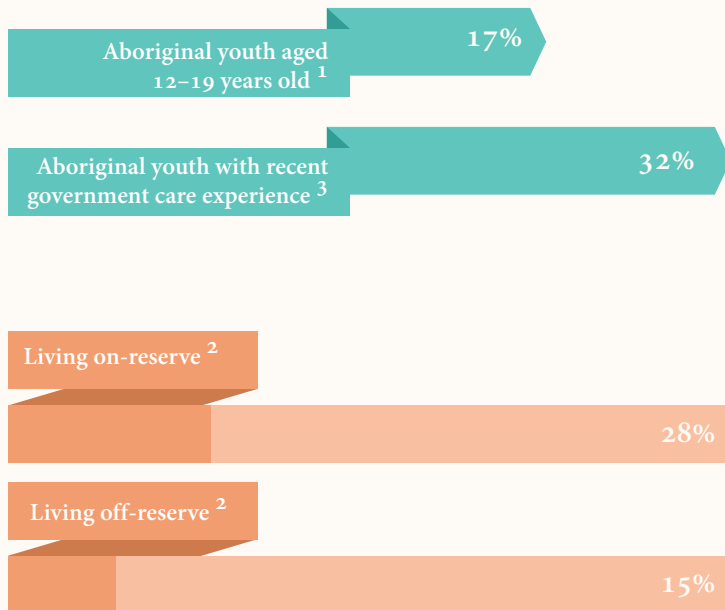


The Role of Aboriginal Education Workers in Supporting Aboriginal Youth in BC

Findings from the BC Adolescent Health Survey have shown the important role that Aboriginal education workers play in the lives of Aboriginal youth aged 12 - 19.



Asked an Aboriginal Education Worker for help:



I have a great Aboriginal education worker.”

Most Aboriginal youth found the assistance they received from an Aboriginal Education Worker to be helpful. ¹



Youth with an Aboriginal Education Worker they could approach for support were more likely to report positive mental health. ²



Every school should have an Ab Ed worker that’s easily accessible and open for anyone that wants it.”

Among Aboriginal youth who asked an Aboriginal Education Worker for help in the past year:

Felt like a part of their community:



I felt I could talk to her [my Aboriginal Education Worker] and she listened. She would also help me go to classes when I was there.”*

Experienced extreme stress in the past month:



Aboriginal workers are amazing!”



References:

¹ From Hastings Street to Haida Gwaii
² Raven’s Children IV

³ We All Have a Role

Where an asterisk (*) appears, the percentage should be interpreted with caution as the standard error was relatively high but still within a releasable range. All reports available at www.mcs.bc.ca.