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# NOW CANADA-WIDE!!

Black Youth Helpline is pleased to announce that our STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM & SUPPORT SERVICES for Canadian Youth is now Canada-wide!!

#### **NEW SUPPORT SERVICES**

For Youth & Family, Schools & Other Youth Serving Organizations.

### OUR FOCUS

Helping Canada's children and youth remain and succeed in school and community.

#### **REACH US AT**

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## **NATIONAL HELPLINE:** BRIDGING CULTURES FOR YOUTH SUCCESS IN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

## WHAT WE DO

- Serve as the point of contact and support for youth, parents, schools, and key stakeholders who work with youth.
- Help youth and families address their concerns in the school system and in their communities.
- Help schools and other youth serving organizations understand and effectively manage the most vulnerable children and the multicultural challenges of working across cultures.
- Ultimately, we work in partnership to help achieve the best possible outcome for each child/youth/family.

## HOW

 A National Consultation Team from across Canada will support National Office, staff and volunteers in service delivery. Representation reflects the rich diversity of peoples, culture, beliefs, knowledge, professions and churches/Faith Based Organizations.

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## WHY

- 25 years of Black Youth Helpline (BYH) experience has proved informing. We must Intervene on behalf of youth with complex needs before severe problems arise.
- Needed are primary prevention approaches including a focus on parents and schools at the earliest possible point.
- A significant body of literature underline that suspensions and dismissals from schools are 3-4 times higher for vulnerable children.
- The word "drop-out" is often a misnomer. Repeated suspensions and dismissals fuel school failure and push students out of schools (Wilson, 2014). "We need to comprehend fully why schools fail some youths and conversely, why some students are failing school" (Dei, 1996).
- By helping youth, parents and schools succeed we increase the chances for productive futures for Canada's children.

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