

# YKACL NEWSLETTER

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**CHRIS STRUS**, left, and Kineta Michel participated in some of the wildlife workshops offered during the 2016 Summer Youth Program. Many more outdoor activities are planned this summer! YKACL photo

## YKACL Summer Youth Program offers two months of free activities

by YKACL staff

**THE YKACL SUMMER** Youth Program 2017 schedule is out and it looks amazing!

This season's activities include outdoor and indoor sports, nature hikes and a canoe trip, swims at the pool, cookouts, a tour around Yellowknife with Great Slave Helicopters, art and science workshops and more!

The program runs from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays from July 4 until Aug. 25.

Registration is free for teens and young adults from Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah.

If you know any family, friends or neighbours who would like to register, please pass along our contact information.

To register, or to obtain a schedule, contact Michael at: 920-2644 • inclusion2@ykacl.ca



**DANIELLE WENDEHORST**, YKACL youth worker, participated in the dance class during the 2016 Summer Youth Program. Jan Barbier/YKACL photo

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# Disability Awareness Week YKACL employment services information session tomorrow

by YKACL staff

**JAN BARBIER, MANAGER** of Employment Services at YKACL, will speak about the employment services provided at the Association during an info session at noon tomorrow (June 15) in the Scotia Centre boardroom. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The event is part of the Disability Awareness Week program, which began on June 10 and continues tomorrow.

YKACL Employment Services are designed for everyone from high school students to people of any age or with any disability living in Yellowknife, Ndilo or Dettah.

For more information, about YKACL Employment Services, please contact:

920-2644 • [employability@ykacl.ca](mailto:employability@ykacl.ca)



**CLARA TUTCHO IS A CLIENT** of Employment Services. She has worked at McDonald's for more than 10 years. Angela Gzowski/YKACL photo

## YKACL STAFF PROFILE

by YKACL staff

**JOHNELLE JOSEPH** joined YKACL as a Skills Training Facilitator in August 2016, shortly after she moved from Alberta.

"What I enjoy the most about working here is the daily opportunity I get to meet, work and interact with creative, optimistic, unique and talented individuals in a friendly and inclusive environment," she said.

Johnelle accompanies YKACL clients who work as part of the YKACL Business Services Team as they fulfill contracts with a variety of local businesses, organizations and government departments each weekday.

In between team work shifts, Johnelle guides clients on social, educational and recreational outings in the community, during which they participate in

festivals, attend performances, go on nature hikes and volunteer alongside neighbours, among other activities.

Clients represent a wide range of backgrounds, including Tlicho, Inuvialuit and Inuit language and heritage. Together Johnelle and her colleagues and clients sometimes prepare caribou, fish and bannock as a way for clients to enjoy indigenous cultural experience in the workplace.

"What I enjoy the most about working with the clients is them sharing their knowledge, language and traditional teachings from their culture and communities with me and other staff," said Johnelle.

Johnelle shares her own Jamaican background – she grew up in the capital, Kingston – by teaching clients to cook food from her childhood, such as



**JOHNELLE JOSEPH**

curried goat and banana fritters.

She also shares her love of music with clients, singing and smiling with clients while they work side-by-side in the kitchen.

Johnelle is a certified Early Childhood Educator and earned her Community and Addictions Worker Diploma this spring.

She is a foster mom and has two children of her own, Kaylee, 8, and Khalif, 5.

### Art project returns

Artists Rosanna Strong and Jenny Tucker return to YKACL next week to resume the Playing with Sticks art project.

Members of the public are invited to learn creative new skills as they help weave a willow fence and arches in the Abe Miller Garden on 53 Street.

Please drop by to watch or get involved!

June 20-24 (10am-5pm)

June 27-July 1 (10am-5pm)

### Growing friendships

Members of the Yay Fusion! Teen Group and the YKACL Young Adults Group are planning gardening workshops later this month before taking a summer-long break from their group activity schedule.

Yay Fusion is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, at the Abe Miller Building. The Young Adults meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 23.

To RSVP, please contact Michael at 920-2644.

### Baby and toddler play

The Family Play Space continues today from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the YKACL Community Living Centre at 4919 53rd Street (house with the blue door).

Babies and children up to age 5 and their caregivers are encouraged to explore the sensory walls and play with quality games, toys and puppets. Snacks are provided.

For more information, contact Vera at 920-2644.