

# **YOUTH SERVICES GAP ANALYSIS**

**COWICHAN REGION**









# METHODS

- **FOCUS GROUPS: YOUTH AND PARENTS**
- **INTERVIEWS: SERVICE PROVIDERS**
- **WORKSHOP**
- **PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*“The way the system is set up means that each agency can offer only very specific services – so often clients must engage with multiple service providers to have their needs met. This is both costly and inefficient ... to say nothing of challenging for clients to navigate effectively. -- Interviewee*

# KEY FINDINGS

- **AREAS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE**
  - **COMMUNITY SAFETY**
  - **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
  - **RECREATION AND CULTURE**

*“Youth services should collaborate more to meet the needs of youth, because that is in the best interests of youth [of everybody].” –*  
Youth focus group participant

# WE ARE ASKING FOR:

- **NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US – KEEPING YOUTH IN MIND FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISION-MAKING – YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE**
- **SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS: FUNDING THE REGIONAL GRANTS IN AID PROGRAM**
- **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH**
  - **POLICING AND RELATIONSHIPS**
- **SAFE AND AFFORDABLE SERVICES**
- **ENHANCED PROGRAMMING**
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
- **COLLABORATION WITH YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS**

*“The question needs to be asked about how we are nurturing kids. This is missing. We need to move back to a more holistic (less clinical) approach.” -- Interviewee*