

## Profile of the Week



### **Rapport Youth & Family Services**

#### **What We Do:**

Rapport Youth & Family Services is a non-profit social service organization that provides counselling and related support services to youth in Peel Region.

Rapport is staffed by professionally trained social workers, counsellors, and youth workers who provide a range of confidential services. We provide services for young people between the ages of 12 and 20 who are experiencing personal, social or family problems.

Rapport's mission is to strengthen the social and emotional well-being of youth and families through counselling and related support services.

#### **Services Offered:**

Rapport is staffed by professionally trained social workers, counsellors, and youth workers who provide a range of confidential services. Counselling times are arranged in advance and are generally held at one of our office locations in Brampton or Mississauga. Our outreach component allows for increased access by providing services to youth at convenient locations in the community, including schools across Peel Region and a drop-in centre in Brampton. Rapport's counselling services are available during the weekdays, and four evenings a week until 8:00 p.m.

#### **YOUTH ARTS AGAINST VIOLENCE**

The Youth Arts Against Violence project is designed to increase youths' self-esteem and self-confidence, and to highlight the positive aspects of youth to the broader community. It provides an opportunity for young people to use the unique and intrinsic qualities of artistic expression as a way to constructively deal with issues of violence in their lives and in the community.

This youth engagement initiative is a youth-led network that encourages young persons in Peel Region to use artistic expression as a means of promoting non-violence. The project enables youth to become leaders in their communities in initiating cultural and

artistic activities related to anti-violence themes, and in doing so, mobilize other youth to unite in becoming proponents of non-violence.

### **ECLYPSE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE**

ECLYPSE (Experiential Centre Linking Youth to Purposeful Self-Expression) has been operating since 1999 as a multi-service youth drop-in centre for 12-24 year olds living in Brampton. A number of local agencies collaborate in the service provision in the centre. Other agencies, to date, that have actively collaborated in the provision of services at ECLYPSE are: the Peel District School Board's TELL (alternative education) program, the YMCA's Employment & Community Services and Peel Youth Substance Abuse Program, Peel HIV/AIDS Network, Operation Springboard, African Community Services, Our Place Peel, Associated Youth Services of Peel's R.A.I.N. Program, and Family Association for Mental Health Everywhere.

ECLYPSE receives ongoing funding support from The Region of Peel and The United Way of Peel.

### **SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION/DIVERSION**

Rapport Youth & Family Services' school-based Prevention/Diversion Program is provided in partnership with the Peel District School Board, Peel Regional Police, and various community agencies and resources. The program is intended to serve youth aged 12 - 17 years of age who are in conflict, or at risk of involvement, with the youth justice system.

### **YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Youth Outreach program is a pilot project in partnership with the Region of Peel's Neighbourhood Capacity Support Strategy. Two youth outreach workers are stationed in identified priority neighbourhoods in Peel. Currently they are engaged in the neighbourhoods known as Colonial Terrace (south Mississauga) and Knightsbridge (Bramalea). The goals of the program are to outreach to youth in their communities and to connect them to a full continuum of prevention, early intervention and diversion resources such as employment, education, health/mental health, social/recreation, restorative justice and other services.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Modern Batik Art Calendars On Sale Now**

in support of Youth Arts Against Violence

Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will help support the Youth Arts Against Violence program, a collaborative of Rapport, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Our Place Peel, and Peel Youth Village. A portion of the proceeds go to the youth who produced the work, and to the Lumu Kabasindi Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to working

with orphan children in Uganda who have lost their parents due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

**The 2010 Modern Batik Art Calendar is now available for purchase \$15.00 each or \$25.00 for two**

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