







ESTEVAN PUBLIC YOUTH CENTRE

IMPACT REPORT

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Impact Report

A place for our future leaders to belong, thrive and grow

Reporting period: January 2025-August 2026

WHO WE ARE

Estevan Public Youth Centre is a youth-focused nonprofit providing a free, welcoming space for young people in Estevan and surrounding communities.

Through recreation, creative activities and opportunities to learn, EPYC gives young people a place to explore their interests, build friendships and connect with supportive adults.



OUR MISSION

TO CONNECT, ENGAGE AND EMPOWER YOUTH.

Who we serve

Our regular drop-in program welcomes youth in Grades 7-12, with free admission. Young people can spend time together, participate in activities and try something new.

Why EPYC matters

Many youth in Estevan are not involved in organized sports or other activities, and some face challenges such as financial barriers, difficult home situations, social isolation and a lack of positive support.

EPYC provides a free, safe and supervised place where youth can spend time with friends, enjoy activities, games and snacks, and connect with trusted adults who care.

For at-risk youth, EPYC offers more than recreation. It provides positive role models, stability, healthy relationships and a sense of belonging. Estevan has few alternatives offering this combination of free programming, food and supervision, making EPYC an important resource for youth who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

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Why Estevans Youth Need This Space

Nearly 4 in 10 visits

Nearly 40% of visits to the Saskatchewan food banks in March 2025 were made by families with children under 18. *Source: HungerCount 2025.*

EPYC offers nutritious snacks and take-home meals, ensuring that no young person has to worry about an empty stomach while they connect, learn, and enjoy their childhood.

Youth Crime

There was 31 youth-charged entries in Estevan in 2025; youth may appear more than once.
Source: Statistics Canada.

By offering positive, supervised activities and mentorship, EPYC gives youth a constructive alternative to risky situations and helps keep them engaged in the community.

Belonging

In a survey done by SECPSD 2024–25, only 59% of middle and high school students surveyed indicated a sense of positive school belonging.

*Source:** SECPSD 2024–25 Annual Report, Spring 2025.

EPYC is a space where every young person is welcomed, known by name, and part of a community that cares about them.

$ Barriers

In Canada, 48% of youth who did not play sports cited cost as the reason.
Source: Jumpstart, 2025 State of Play Youth Survey.

EPYC removes the cost barrier by offering free programming and sports activities so that every youth can be active and involved, regardless of their family's income.

OUR YEAR IN ACTION

2,100

Youth visits

Total for January 2025-August 2026

1,993

Youth Visits

Total Visits in 2025

7

Programs Delivered

including Art, Cooking, Science, Yoga, Zumba, Construction, and Volunteerism, each lasting 3 months over a period of 1.5 years.







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Major Fundraisers

Fuel Good Day. Rad for the Sad. Grilled Cheese Fundraiser. Youth-led BBQ Fundraiser. Musical Fundraiser

OTHER FREE PROGRAMMING OFFERED

EPYC MOBILE

The Crime Prevention Initiative is centred on structured, planned activities designed to provide youth with experiences they may otherwise not have the opportunity to try or afford on their own, keeping them engaged and away from unlawful behaviour. Activities include axe throwing, mini golf, playground activities, bowling, and golf simulator experiences. By offering these activities, we aim to create positive alternatives for young people.

NEVER GO HUNGRY INITIATIVE

Provided healthy snacks for youth to enjoy during programming or take home.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Partnered with Golden West Radio to host a school supply drive. More than 50 students received supplies on the day of the event, and we are thrilled that an additional 50+ students will benefit from these supplies throughout the 2026-2027 school year.

WELLNESS PROGRAM MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Partnered with Envision and addictions counsellors to talk with youth about mental well-being.

PILLARS OF POTENTIAL

Pillars of Potential focuses on head, heart and hands through mental wellness, social belonging and volunteerism.

2025 EBEX Social Impact Award Recipient

Recognized by the Estevan Chamber of Commerce.



Community Partnerships

The organizations and businesses listed below contributed their services, volunteered, or dedicated time to EPYC in 2025/2026.



- Envision Counselling
- Golden West Radio
- Souris Valley Museum
- Estevan Family Centre
- Estevan Art Gallery
- OM Yoga
- City of Estevan
- Hub International
- MNP
- Prairie Pathway Services
- United Way of Estevan
- Estevan Police Services
- Sad Dads Band
- Monarch Group Consulting

IN THEIR WORDS

"EPYC made me feel like I had a place that I belonged. The staff are welcoming, and I feel like it is OK to make a mistake. I feel safe when I am at EPYC."

- A.S

Powered by people

EPYC welcomed 17 distinct drop-in volunteers in 2025/2026, contributing to a total of over 45 volunteers for all events.

Currently, EPYC employs a full-time Executive Director, and as of August 2026, there are 6 dedicated Drop-In Staff members.



Financials

Jan-Dec 2025 Financial Picture

$121,352
Income: Donations/Sponsorships

$32,983
Fundraising Income

$150,596
Total Expenses

Jan-Aug 2026 Financial Picture

$65,000
Income: Donations/Sponsorships

$15,000
Fundraising Income

$90,392.73
Total Expenses

Projected Year End 2026:

Approx. $2,500 surplus

OUR GROWTH PRIORITIES

After-school Programming

We are working to secure funding in order to hire additional staff, which will allow us to introduce 114 after-school sessions and 19 camps for school days off. This totals 133 planned sessions from December 2026 to November 2027.

This programming will cost an additional $65,000

A more functional centre

We are launching a fundraising campaign to secure grants and organize fundraisers that will enhance the centre for our youth. Planned staged improvements include a kitchen upgrade, classroom walls and a designated office space, Creating more functional spaces for learning and daily operations.

This renovation will cost approximately $70,000.

A STRONGER ORGANIZATION

Board

- We are strengthening governance through Board Governance Training, giving board members the skills and knowledge to guide EPYC effectively and provide strong leadership.

Staff

- We are investing in comprehensive staff training to build skills, improve performance, and support new technology for tracking activities and performance. Training also covers conflict resolution, working with high-risk youth, and responding to challenging situations.

Youth

- We are reaching out to more youth who have not previously engaged with our centre. By connecting with diverse youth communities, we aim to increase participation and ensure young people's voices shape our programs and initiatives.

YOUR DONATION HAS IMPACT

While grants and sponsorships help fund specific programs and some staffing, securing support for rent, utilities, and full-time core staff wages is far more difficult. EPYC must therefore fundraise year-round to keep the centre open and the people who run it employed, and pay for other operting expenses

Flexible donations are critical to EPYC's long-term viability.

