



# Dylan Richards

*I am of Potawatomi descent, and have close connections to Aboriginal Two-Spirit & other Aboriginal communities in the greater Edmonton area & western North America.*

*The majority of my adult career has been focused on student ministry/education and counselling, consulting, conflict resolution/group dynamics, and coaching in settings from small to large.*

*I have various event planning capacities (both as a volunteer and staff), including related graphic design, print media, web design, and social media interactions.*

*Over the past 14 years, I have operated primarily in non-profit organizational settings. Currently I work and live with my family in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta.*

## EXPERIENCE

HIV Network of Edmonton Society  
(Edmonton, AB):  
**Support & Education Facilitator**  
[ 2012 – Present ]

- » Provide direct support and education to those living with, affected by, and at risk of HIV and related conditions within the Aboriginal community.
- » Provide HIV prevention and education to individuals, organizations, and service providers who work with Aboriginal peoples.
- » Provide harm reduction and prevention education to people living with HIV on a one to one basis.

*Alberta Native Friendship Centres  
Association (Edmonton, AB):*  
**Health Initiatives**  
[ 2011 – 2012 contract ]

- » Communications, event planning, data collection, resource development, and meetings/workshops related to the ANFCA's Sacred Circle Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative.
- » Coordinated multi-agency Advisory Committee meetings related to Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative.
- » Assisted in planning and coordinating various events, including Train-the-Trainer multi-day workshops, Traditional Games Certification workshops, and Walk-For-Friendship.
- » Administered day to day operations of the Centre, including policy creation and implementation and personnel management.
- » Conducted strategic planning toward the future of the ANFCS, including 3-year business plans, management and program goals, and interagency community co-operation.
- » Applied for and maintained core grants including Aboriginal Friendship Centre Program, Alberta Aboriginal Relations, Young Canada Works, and Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth, as well as researched new grant opportunities.
- » Conducted cultural training and programming specific to Aboriginal peoples in and around the Athabasca area.

*Athabasca Native Friendship Centre  
Society (Athabasca, AB):*  
**Executive Director** [ 2010 – 2011 ]

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*Solomon's Porch (Athabasca, AB): Lead Pastor* [ 2007 – 2010 ]

- » Established a new inclusive spiritual community in Athabasca to meet the unique needs of the emerging generation (under 35).
- » Included weekly meetings, holistic spiritual education and awareness, and involvement with other community groups and projects focused on a variety of demographics, with a special focus on open and inclusive acceptance of all gender and sexuality spectrums.

*Youth for Christ Athabasca (Athabasca, AB): Director / Campus Pastor*  
[ 2006 – 2008 ]

- » Established a new chapter of *Youth for Christ Canada* in Athabasca to meet the unique needs of student ministry in a rural setting.
- » Included developing multiple programs, special events, and public speaking, most notably in-school mentoring and interpersonal development.

*Athabasca Missionary Church (Athabasca, AB): Pastor of Student Ministries*  
[ 2003 – 2006 ]

- » Developed and oversaw a Jr. – Sr. High & College and Career program for students from rural and urban settings, and in a diverse neighbourhood.

*Ebenezer Baptist Church (Vancouver, BC): Pastor of Student Ministries*  
[ 2002 – 2003 ]

- » Included developing multiple programs, special events, and public speaking, most notably a coffeehouse outreach called "The MudHut" which included MCing, DJing, and in-school mentorship/programming.

*Wiesenthal Baptist Church (Millet, AB): Youth Pastor*  
[ 2000 – 2002 ]

- » Involved with other community groups and projects focused on a variety of demographics.
- » Included development of multiple programs, special events, and public speaking, and in-school mentorship.
- » Worked with and developed relationships with a variety of age groups and personality types.

*Athabasca University (Athabasca, AB Campus): Internet Services Technician*  
[ 1997 – 2000 ]

- » Maintained and developed the web presence for Athabasca University, including HTML, CSS and MySQL.
- » Team member of a project that transferred academic journals from print to database.

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### Education:

Taylor University College (NABC):  
Bachelor of Arts [ 1999 – 2002 ]

- » Double major in English & Counselling (Focus on Family & Youth Services). Valedictorian of 2002 graduating class.
- » 4-year degree completed in 3 years