

# Inspiring, Preparing and Empowering Youth: Program Delivery for Indigenous Students



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## About JABC

JA British Columbia (JABC) is a not-for-profit impact organization with a purpose to inspire, prepare and empower B.C. youth for lifelong success. As a member of both JA Canada, JA Worldwide, and JA's first international charter, JABC has been a leader in youth education for over 65 years.

We deliver programs and capstone experiences in **Financial Literacy, Work Readiness & Entrepreneurship**. These opportunities are provided at no cost to Grade 4 to 12 Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth all across British Columbia.

After taking a JA program. B.C. youth:

- are **more optimistic about their future**
- are **more financially literate**
- are **better prepared to chart their future**
- have started **developing skills for long-term success**

## Commitment to Indigenous Learners



JABC is committed to creating meaningful relationships with First Nations communities and organizations across British Columbia.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report outlines several calls to action under Education, which includes providing culturally appropriate programming and increasing accessibility to programming that can address gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

We are doing this by building relationships with First Nations communities, working with them to adapt our programs so they are culturally appropriate, and engaging volunteers from these communities to deliver the programs.

## Our Work

We began our work with First Nations communities in 2016 with our pilot program, Youth ABCs. We worked with First Nations council to adapt our programs and deliver them to eight First Nations communities. Since then, we have grown the number of programs delivered and communities we collaborate with. During the 2020-2021 school year, we delivered 27 programs, reaching over 400 Indigenous youth in nine First Nations communities.

Today, we have a dedicated member of the JABC team who is focused on program delivery to Indigenous youth. We also created an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee comprised of members of the JABC Board of Directors. This committee is responsible for supporting JABC in its EDI journey which includes Indigenous relations.

We acknowledge that our work spans many traditional territories and that our head office is located on the shared traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

# About JA Programs

All of our programs are provided **free of charge** thanks to the generosity of our donors.

Our programs are:

- Available to **all schools & organizations** in urban and rural communities
- Presented **in-class or online**
- Offered with **flexible delivery options**, including volunteer-led, educator-led, student self-directed
- **Aligned with B.C.'s curriculum**
- Available **year round** and **on demand**
- Supplemented with **printed or digital resources** at no cost
- Delivered in **3-5 hours** with optional extended activities available

View our program menu at [jabc.ca/programs](http://jabc.ca/programs)

## Get Involved

### 1. Share your Knowledge

We are **recruiting facilitators** within First Nations communities to help us deliver programs in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Indigenous community and business leaders play an important role in bringing cultural perspectives to JA program lessons. You can inspire a young person by sharing your own experiences and real world knowledge as you guide students through the lessons and activities.

### 2. Set up a Program

Are you a member of an Indigenous Advisory Council or First Nations school? Run a career or business club or program at school or work in a First Nation Community?

JA programs are available to all schools and organizations in urban and rural communities.

Our programs have flexible delivery options and equip students with skills essential to their future success.

**JABC provides all the training, lesson plans, and program materials. Get involved with JABC and help inspire, prepare and empower the next generation!**

“ *JABC has been a fantastic organization to have the privilege to work with. Being able to inspire and educate our youth has been very rewarding.* ”



- Volunteer Adam Vickers  
Prince George, B.C.



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