

ABORIGINAL SHIELD PROGRAM OF THE RCMP

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 - curriculum development for national youth program re substance abuse prevention and healthy lifestyles
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In 2006, various individuals associated with the Institute for Integrative Science & Health at Cape Breton University as well as individuals from elsewhere in Nova Scotia worked under the umbrella of Epona Communications Inc., to rewrite the curriculum for the RCMP's Aboriginal Shield Program. This arrangement followed from a successful submission within a national tender process.

The Aboriginal Shield Program of the RCMP is one of their Drugs and Organized Crime Awareness Service's (DOCAS) main initiatives. It is a youth-driven program that provides substance abuse prevention and healthy lifestyles coaching to Aboriginal communities.

The Aboriginal Shield Program's curriculum aims to reflect the diversity of Aboriginal cultures and to incorporate the latest facts about Canadian drug issues, including emerging social challenges. It offers interactive activities to engage the participants with age-appropriate and culturally stimulating content, presented in a dynamic, youth-friendly layout. The ASP consists of two 12-lesson manuals for grades 5/6 and 7/8. It also includes manuals to equip ASP community facilitators with the tools and background information needed to deliver high-quality prevention activities.

For more information see:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/aboriginal-autochtone/abo-aut-shield-bouclier-eng.htm>