



## Agencies that Serve Black Youth and Families in Peel Region

Agency	Services
<a href="#"><u>Across Boundaries (GTA)</u></a> (416) 787- 3007	Provides equitable mental health and addiction services for racialized communities within anti-racism, anti-Black racism and anti-oppression frameworks. Services available in many languages. Services available for 2SLGBTQ+ communities. <a href="#"><u>Transitional Aged Youth program</u></a> offers support to youth residing in the GTA aged 15-24 with mental health and/or substance use concerns. To access the TAY program, contact Daneisha Brathwaite (437-245-2322) or the intake line at 416-787-3007 ext. 222.
<a href="#"><u>African Community Services of Peel</u></a> (905) 460-9514	Provides settlement and integration services and programs for newcomers to Peel and the surrounding areas. <a href="#"><u>Youth programs and services</u></a> promote positive growth, development and decision making.
<a href="#"><u>Black African Caribbean Support Line</u></a> (647) 812-8545	Available 9am-7pm. They provide a listening ear, referrals and information about the community.
<a href="#"><u>Black CAP</u></a> (416) 977-9955	Black Coalition for Aids Prevention (Black CAP) delivers support services that meet the health and wellness needs of our clients who are living with or affected by HIV or AIDS. To do this, we provide much needed counselling, settlement, practical and peer support, employment, housing and social support services that help people achieve their goals. Black CAP also works with men, women, youth and LGBTQ communities to increase their knowledge and reduce their vulnerability to HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted infections. This is accomplished through prevention, outreach and harm reduction programming that is delivered in communities across Toronto.
<a href="#"><u>Black Community Action Network Peel Region</u></a> (416) 433-7715	Network of various organizations, professionals, residents and allies who are united in a mission to promote equity-focused systems change and community empowerment through advocacy, community organizing and development, leadership development, community education and research. BCAN advances the facilitation, creation and integration of opportunities for equitable access to community resources for the African Caribbean Black community of Peel. Learn more about BCAN's various initiatives <a href="#"><u>here</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>Black Legal Action Centre (Toronto)</u></a> (416) 596-5831	The Black Legal Action Centre is a non-profit community legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario. They provide access to justice for low or no income Black residents living in Ontario.
<a href="#"><u>Black Youth Helpline (Toronto)</u></a> <b>Daily, 9am-10pm</b> 1-833-294-8650	Culturally responsive mental health and crisis support for youth, families, and those supporting them. <a href="#"><u>Services and support</u></a> for parents/guardians, stay-in-school initiatives, referral assistance and culturally relevant youth and family assessment and intervention.
<a href="#"><u>Free For All Foundation</u></a> (905) 499-4486	Free For All Foundation is an organization dedicated to provide social justice and advocacy services for marginalized communities such as children, youth, seniors, individuals, groups, and families.
<a href="#"><u>Friends of Ruby</u></a> (416) 359-0237	Friends of Ruby supports 2SLGBTQIA+ youth (aged 16-29) through mental health services, practical support and housing. Our approach is comprehensive, involving mind, body and community - supporting young people wherever they are on their personal journey. Services offered include one-on-one counselling, group sessions and crisis support.
<a href="#"><u>It Gets Better - Organizations Serving the Black LGPBTQ+ Community (USA)</u></a>	The It Gets Better Project is a nonprofit organization with a mission to uplift, empower, and connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth around the globe. This project has compiled a list of organizations specifically serving Black queer communities throughout the United States. Please reach out to these organizations and use their services and resources if you're in need.
<a href="#"><u>Malton Neighborhood Services</u></a> (905) 677-6270	MNS supports the creation of connected, safe, and strong communities by offering and engaging in activities that recognize and respect the diversity of the neighbourhoods it serves. Services are available in many languages including Somali, Twi, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Tamil, Arabic, Tagalog, Spanish, and Italian. A range of <a href="#"><u>youth services and programs</u></a> are available. The <a href="#"><u>Black Family Support Program</u></a> services families living in Brampton and Mississauga and offers counselling, advocacy, information/referrals, drop-in and support for parents.
<a href="#"><u>One Voice One Team</u></a> (905) 487-0150	One Voice One Team is a non-profit organization providing youth leadership workshops, assemblies and community service programs in order to empower the youth of today for a better tomorrow.

	In every program, our delivery teams include high performance athletes, community leaders and/or accomplished motivational speakers. We facilitate powerful sessions that include inspirational storytelling, fitness activities and mentorship.
<a href="#"><u>Parents of Black Children</u></a> 1-833-762-2226	Parents of Black Children (PoBC) is an advocacy group formed to support and advocate on behalf of Black students and their parents. We are working to address and dismantle anti-Black racism and systemic barriers within the education and adjacent systems. Our goal is to ensure that our Black children are able to access an equitable and peaceful education. PoBC is also a safe and supportive place for parents and Black students to share their experiences and issues within the school system as well as develop strategies and recommendations to improve the experience of Black students within schools.
<a href="#"><u>ResQ</u></a> (905) 451-0953	ResQ is a non-profit community organization providing support for at-risk youth. Formed from a group of law enforcers, crown attorneys, lawyers, educators and community representatives dedicated to supporting youth in crisis. Our objective is to identify and address issues in the community as they affect our youth. We concentrate efforts on illustrating when, how or why certain behaviours are unacceptable and provide our youth with the tools to change. We mediate, educate, counsel and provide mentoring to all young persons in the community.
<a href="#"><u>Rest Centres</u></a> (905) 863-1118	Rest Centres is a black-led, BIPOC-serving charitable organization on a mission to end youth homelessness in Peel Region. They provide transitional housing and support services to youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including those leaving the public care system.
<a href="#"><u>RiseUp (Kids Help Phone)</u></a> 1-800-668-6868 Text RISE to 686868	Black youth across Canada can access free wellness support 24/7 by texting RISE to 686868 or Facebook Messenger. Support from a professional counsellor via phone or Live Chat is also available.
<a href="#"><u>Roots Community Services (Peel)</u></a> (905) 455-6789 <i>*Formerly United Achievers Community Services</i>	With a focus on Black, African and Caribbean Canadians, programs are offered from a culturally-appropriate perspective and within an anti-oppression, anti-racism framework. Programs are geared to children aged 6 years to seniors well into their 90s. Learn more about services available for <u>children, youth and families</u> including after-school clubs, summer camp, youth mentoring, Enhanced Youth Outreach Worker program, Black Youth School Success initiative and mental wellness programming.
<a href="#"><u>Substance Use Program for African Canadian and Caribbean Canadian Youth - Centre for Addiction and Mental Health</u></a> (416) 535-8501, press 2	Culturally responsive services for African and Caribbean Canadian youth and their families who are dealing with problem substance use and mental health concerns. Services are offered on an outpatient basis and are accessed at the CAMH Queen St. Site (80 Workman Way, Toronto). More information available <u>here</u> .
<a href="#"><u>Supporting Our Youth (SOY)</u></a> (416) 324-4100	SOY – a health program of Sherbourne Health – offers programs and activities for LGBT2SQ youth aimed at building an inclusive, welcoming community. SOY programs and activities include: Arts, social, cultural and recreational activities, mentoring, supportive housing programs, skill building and employment support. Programs for specific populations – including newcomer/immigrant youth, black queer youth, youth of colour, bisexual youth, homeless and street-involved youth and trans youth
<a href="#"><u>TAIBU Community Health Centre (Scarborough, serves GTA)</u></a> (416) 644-3536	TAIBU serves the Black community across the GTA, providing comprehensive primary healthcare in combination with health promotion programs and related services such as <u>counselling</u> and <u>telemedicine</u> . Various health promotion guides are available <u>here</u> . Recently launched COVID-19 phone lines: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 9am-5pm English: (416) 803-8654 / French: (416) 898-4371
<a href="#"><u>Tropicana Community Services (Scarborough, serves GTA)</u></a> (416) 439-9009	Agency geared towards youth, newcomers, members of the Caribbean and Black communities and others in need. Provides services including counselling, settlement services, tutoring, youth leadership programs, Success Through Aggression Replacement Training, camps, day care, employment counselling, and youth drop-in.
<a href="#"><u>WhereToStart.ca (Peel)</u></a> (905) 451-4655	Central access point for free and confidential mental health services for children, youth and families who live in Peel Region. When you call us, we will listen to your concerns and help connect you with the most appropriate mental health program or service for you. Intakes are scheduled by telephone (905-451-4655) or <u>requested online</u> . Interpretation services including sign language interpretation can be provided upon request. Intake conversation is collaborative and involves questions regarding client identity, culture and background so clients may express their needs and preferences. Information/referral to culturally relevant services and agencies also available.