

STAFF STORY

MEET JESSE

"I began working with Youth Services when I was 19 as a Recreation Worker, and became a Youth Worker when I was 21 I've worked here almost 8 years in total!

I started working with young people in Maple Ridge because I used to participate in the Youth Centre's programs when I was a teenager, so I really want to ensure that today's youth are given the same opportunities that I had growing up.

What inspires me about the youth I work with is watching them grow and succeed at something they've been working towards.

My passion is skateboarding and I still get out and skate with the youth who come here. It's a great way to stay connected with them and inspire them to push themselves.

I find it really cool when you learn something new from the youth; recently Elijah taught me a new skateboard trick!

If I could give one piece of advice to the emerging adults and youth it would be to follow your passions and to stay stoked!"

