

STAFF STORY

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"I have been involved with Youth Services for 10 years.

I became interested in working with young people in Maple Ridge after a practicum opened my eyes to this amazing population of youth that are doing great things and are often overlooked.

I am inspired daily by the youth and their ability to speak up for what they want in life. I love that I get to be a small part in their journey of finding who they are and what they want to be.

My goal is to be a positive presence in the lives of the people around me. I have conversations with youth that can be difficult, but after we talk I often hear them say how much better they feel. I want to be a safe place for young people to come and feel heard and valued.

The youth in Maple Ridge have taught me that it is ok to look silly while trying something new, and not to take myself too seriously.

My advice to emerging adults and youth would be that your voice is an amazing tool, don't be afraid to use it. Speak up for yourself, speak up for others and let the world hear you. You have amazing thoughts and ideas that deserve to be heard!"

