



YOUTH RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Alberta Resilient Communities

Research Purpose

This research initiative contributes to resilience activities, dialogue, and critical reflection about practices used to engage and empower youth (13-22 years old).

RESEARCH QUESTIONS



Resilience in Disasters

What do youth identify as their primary concerns, needs, and capacities related to disaster recovery and resilience, and how can youth contribute to resilience building in their communities?



A Unique Perspective

How do youth's experiences, priorities, and resilience solutions differ from those solutions that are currently being enacted by their community or identified by key influencers in their lives?

RESEARCH DESIGN



The Importance of Youth

Youth-participatory action framework (YPAR) focusing on the perspectives of youth and the key influencers in their lives, and positioning youth as the experts in their own lives.



Active Engagement

Resilience innovation labs engaging youth in the design and testing of data generation methods, the iterative cycle of planning, data collection, prototyping, and policy outreach leading to the Resilience Innovation Skills Certificate.

PLANNED OUTCOMES



Resilience Framework

An evidenced informed youth-centered resilience innovation lab framework, and documented case studies of youth-driven resilience activities.



Youth-Driven Resilience

Youth informed policy and practice recommendations for improving health services/programs, and youth resilience-innovation leadership in their communities.

Resilience Innovation Skills Certificate



A tool for generating data and building capacity with youth. This tool is currently being piloted as part of the Alberta Resilient Communities Research Project



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Alberta Areas Affected by the 2013 Flood

