



ABOUT

Keep6ix is a not-for-profit Toronto based organization, serving the Greater Toronto Area, that was founded in 2017 to make a meaningful difference in the lives of at risk youth from racialized communities who have been impacted by the criminal justice system.

Keep6ix offers various programs and services to help youth avoid going down a disempowering path towards incarceration. We also support and advocate for those who are currently incarcerated and provide post-release support so that they can overcome barriers and begin to positively re-build their lives within the community.

VISION

- Supporting criminalized and racialized communities to attain positivity and break the odds.
- Overcoming systemic barriers to support at risk youth and those criminalized by the justice system.

MISSION

At Keep6ix our mission is to:

- provide holistic and integrated capacity-building programs to youth involved in the justice system.
- prevent youth from going down a disempowering path by providing one-on-one mentoring, career counseling and employment skills training.
- promote healthy self-esteem in youth through core life skills counseling to help build on their communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.

PROGRAMS

Gangs 4 Tuition Program

Gangs 4 Tuition is a job skills training program that provides a pathway to employment and sustainable living. Through various partnerships, youth have the opportunity to select from a variety of training options in the areas of construction, waste management, healthcare and digital media, opening the door for employment opportunities.

Youth-In-Music Program

Youth-In-Music is a three-month interactive program structured around teaching youth how to manifest their hidden creative potential. This program promotes discipline, focus, positive expression, teamwork, confidence and performance as it relates to academic excellence. It engages youth in Performing Arts studies as they learn music strategies through creating, presenting, reflecting, responding and analyzing music theory.



SERVICES

Keep6ix Youth Mentorship

Keep6ix believes that mentoring is built on a foundation of respect, honesty and trust. Youth are supported by mentors with lived experience, to overcome negative distractions, delinquent behavior and social barriers that could prevent them from completing their secondary school diploma.

Career Development Support

We offer career development support services to help create meaningful economic change in the lives of youth. The goal is to decrease unemployment within the community by providing a guided, purposeful pathway to employment in the construction industry.

Other services include:

Connect the 6ix – a weekly Instagram live connecting the 6ix, one interview at a time, celebrating members of the community and the work they do.

Empowerment to Unlock the Justice System – a monthly Instagram live panel discussion, streamed on Facebook and YouTube, addressing the barriers in the criminal justice system and discussing solutions.

A variety of other resources are provided to those in the community who require support around social injustice, mental health concerns and educational support.

PAST EVENTS

A number of events are hosted throughout the year to provide support to the community, bring awareness to the organization and raise funds for additional programs and outreach projects. Some examples are:

December 2020 Fundraiser - STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Artists from various backgrounds participated in a virtual fundraising concert with a plea to stop gun violence. Funds raised went to support families who have lost loved ones to gun violence, families directly impacted by COVID-19, youth shelters and multiple community housing partners.



Summer 2020 - Food Box Giveaway

Keep6ix partnered with Toronto Black Farmers Collective to provide 50 Food Boxes to individuals who were in need during COVID-19. Boxes included a whole chicken, eggs, and various herbs and vegetables from the farm.



Online Workshops

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