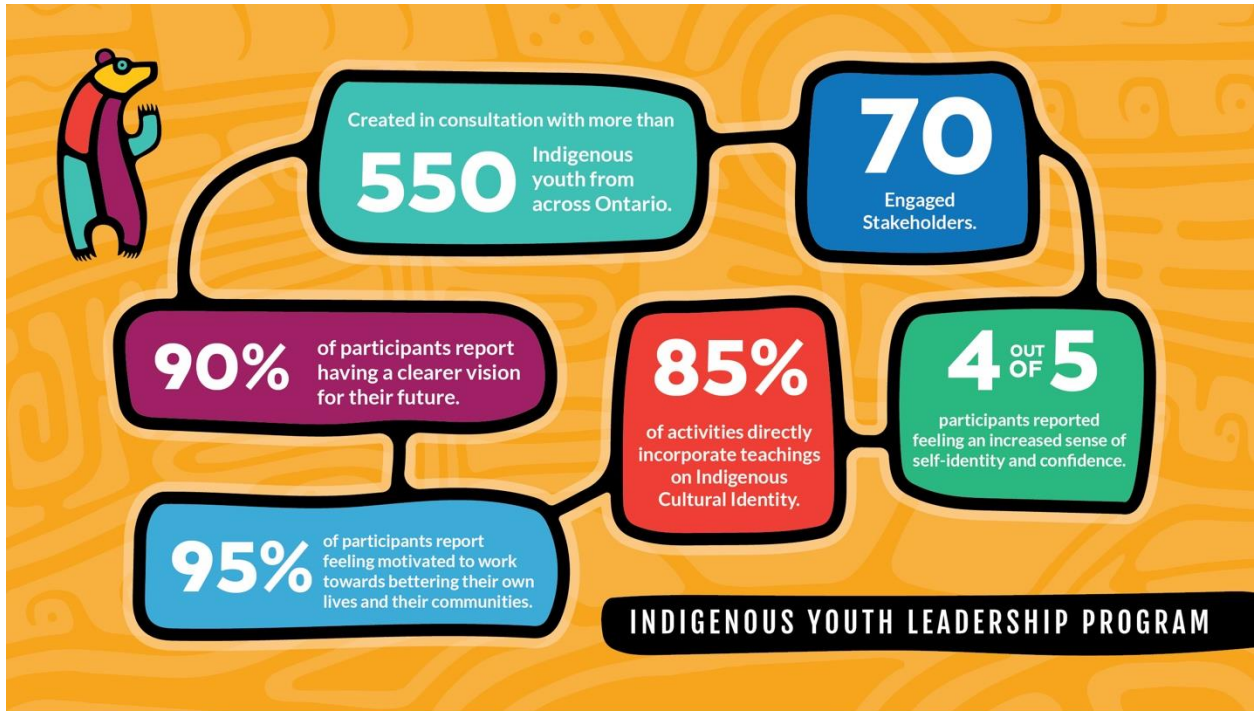




## Quick Facts about the Standing Bear Youth Leadership Program

- ISWO developed the Standing Bear Youth Leadership Program with the intent of
  - Engaging Indigenous youth and communities, Indigenous leaders, government at all levels, educators, businesses, non-profits, and non-Indigenous peoples in collectively defining issues and solutions regarding youth leadership.
  - Developing a Youth Leadership Program based on research and consultations with Indigenous youth.
  - Delivering youth-focused resources through project collaboration and partnerships.
- Standing Bear stands apart from other leadership programs for three primary reasons: the program was developed in consultation with more than 550 Indigenous youth across Ontario, the program is culturally grounded within an Indigenous framework of learning, being and doing, and the program works to create collective impact, bringing together a variety of stakeholders, organizations and communities, with one common purpose.
- After participating in a single, two-day Standing Bear camp experience, 90% of youth participants reported having a clearer vision for their future, while 95% of participants reported feeling more motivated to achieve.
- Funded by the Government of Ontario, Standing Bear opens the door to new opportunities, while reaffirming self-determination, community building and the capacity to affect change, in a culturally meaningful and relevant way, strengthening youth's self-identity as Indigenous Peoples.
- The Standing Bear Youth Leadership Program is delivered through six specialized streams and offers a certification opportunity for those that complete all the necessary requirements of the program.
- The core foundational teachings of the program centre on Indigenous traditions and knowledge, and celebrate the unique and rich cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples.
- Standing Bear has the ability to be uniquely adapted to each community's individual needs and desires and is based on an Indigenous framework of wellness, which looks at leadership from all aspects of self and being.



Standing Bear is a culturally grounded program developed by the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario to strengthen individual and community wellness by empowering Indigenous youth in making positive change.

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