

JA Programs in Indigenous Schools & Communities



**2022-23
REPORT**



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OVERVIEW

JA BRITISH COLUMBIA REMAINS COMMITTED TO CREATING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIGENOUS LEARNERS, COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA.

This past school year, JABC was pleased to offer a diverse selection of programs designed for Indigenous learners aged five to 29. By incorporating Indigenous perspectives and cultural references into JA's work readiness, financial health and entrepreneurship programs, these deliveries created unique and culturally inclusive educational experiences.

Two new learning experiences were introduced that centred around job preparation and post-secondary education readiness. Combining elements of Personal Finance, Economics for Success and Dollars with Sense, learners were equipped with essential tools to help inspire and navigate their own unique career and post-secondary journeys.

Through our relationships with First Nations communities, the demand for our programs continues to grow. We extend our gratitude to our valued partners, whose support make these program deliveries possible, and look forward to continuing to meet the needs of Indigenous learners across the province.



Learn more jabc.ca/indigenous or contact [Kimberly Sommer](#), Program Director, Indigenous Communities.



I had a great time working with the students, they were incredible! The combined [More Than Money] and [Dollars with Sense] flowed really well. The “how to buy” and “inflation” components were really well received.”

-Teresa Bennett, JA Volunteer

PROGRAM REACH



2,267
Students
Reached



25
Communities
Participated

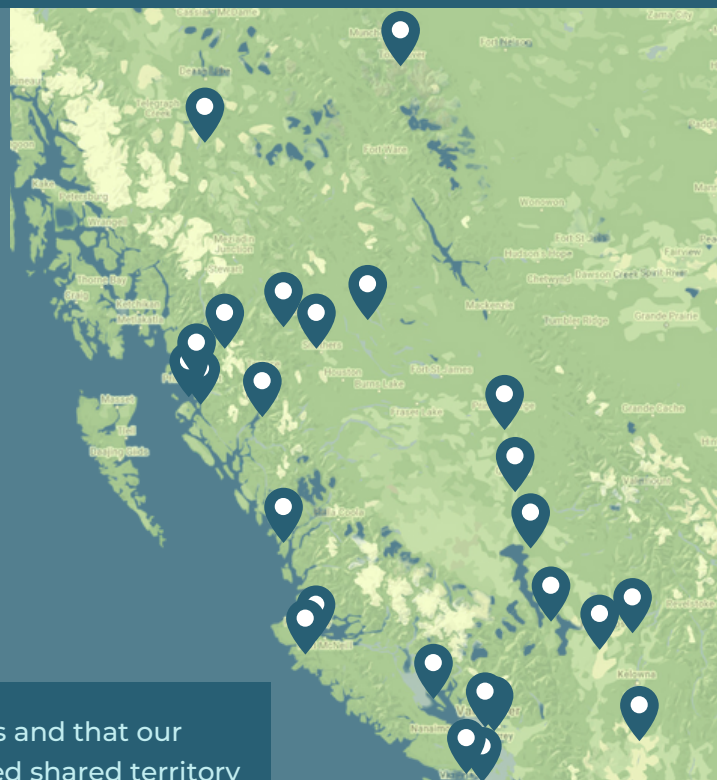


142
Programs
Delivered

Our goal for the 2022-23 school year was to deliver 124 programs in B.C. First Nations communities. We exceeded this number and delivered 142 programs through a collaborative effort with First Nations educators and youth community workers.

COMMUNITIES THAT RECEIVED JA PROGRAMS IN 2022-23

Bella Bella	Port Hardy
Brentwood Bay	Powell River
Chase	Prince George
Clinton	Prince Rupert
Coal Harbour	Quesnel
Gitanyow	Takla Landing
Iskut	Toad River
Kamloops	Vancouver
Kitimat	Victoria
Lax Kw'alaams	West Vancouver
Laxgalts'ap	Williams Lake
Oliver	Witset
Port Edward	

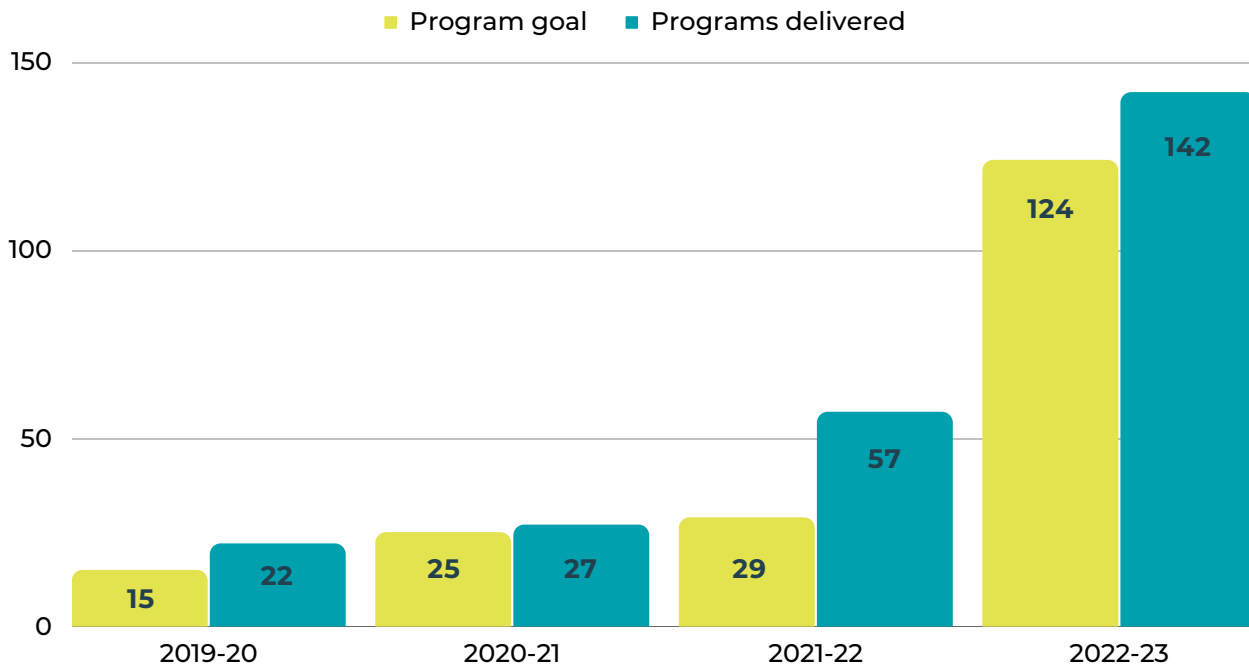


We acknowledge that our work spans many territories and that our head office resides on the traditional ancestral unceded shared territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations peoples.

PROGRAM DELIVERY GROWTH IN INDIGENOUS SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES



PROGRAM DELIVERY GROWTH COMPARISON FROM 2019:



"All the speakers were awesome and a true inspiration...such great quality! I will definitely sign up for next year."

- Pam Bailey, Educator,
Sk'elep School of Excellence, Kamloops.
This school hosted five Indigenous Career
Speaker programs.

"Thank you Kimberly!!!!...Our kids seemed to really enjoy your sessions! Kim (school worker) was able to sit in on one and she said it was really good!"..

- Jean Marogna, Principal,
Conrad Elementary, Prince Rupert.
Kimberly Sommer facilitated JA programs to
each class at this school.



PROGRAM REPORT 2023



EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS YOUTH



JA WORLD OF CHOICES PROGRAM: INDIGENOUS BUSINESSES-LEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS & ROLE MODELS

On June 8, 2023, JABC hosted an Indigenous-focused World of Choices program that featured a panel of guest speakers with inspiring occupations. Over 3,400 Grade 6-12 students from across B.C. joined the virtual experience to learn about each guest speaker's cultural background and their own unique career journey. Students also participated in a lively Q&A session. This program welcomed:

- Chef Aaron George, Head Chef, Songhees Food Truck
- Benjamin Feagin Jr., CEO, AgriTech North
- Kris McAdam, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME), Iskwew Air
- Lynn-Marie Angus, Chief Executive Officer, Sisters Sage

Kimberly (Kallappa) Sommer, JABC's Program Director of Indigenous Communities, moderated the engaging 75-minute program and facilitated student questions. The Spindle Whorl Dancers were special guests.



[View World of Choices recording](#)



I liked hearing about the mentors' personal journeys. It helped remind me that everyone goes through challenges and that they'll eventually get to where they need to.

- World of Choices Student

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



INDIGENOUS FUTURES CIRCLE

The members of the Indigenous Futures Circle enabled JABC to launch its Indigenous programming strategy and bring JA programs into First Nations communities.

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JA British Columbia (JABC) is a not-for-profit impact organization that delivers hands-on, immersive education in work readiness, financial health, and entrepreneurship. Through JA, young people are equipped with the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities. Learn more at jabc.ca



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