



# Displays

These Westman support services booths (and many more!) will be available to youth to visit during all conference breaks so they can gather information to help them with a variety of issues and situations.



# Agenda

We are very pleased to bring you **Jason Gobeil**, our Master of Ceremonies for this event. Jason is a well-known host and the Aboriginal Community Coordinator for the Brandon Urban Aboriginal People's Council (BUAPC) and the City of Brandon.

- 9 am—9:30 am .....Registration
- 9:30 am—10:10 am .....Opening Ceremonies with Frank Tacan Sr. and Debra Tacan of the Brandon Friendship Centre
- 10:10 am—11 am .....Josh Shipp
- 11 am—11:20 am.....Break**
- 11:20 am—11:30 am ....Welcome Back/Draws/ Panel Intro
- 11:30 am—12:15 pm ....MB Youth Speak Out Panel
- 12:15 – 1:15 pm.....Lunch**
- 1:15 pm—1:25 pm .....Welcome Back/Draws/ Panel Intro
- 1:25 pm—1:55 pm .....Community Services Panel
- 1:55 pm—2:15 pm.....Break**
- 2:15 pm—2:25 pm .....Welcome Back/Draws/ Re-intro of Josh Shipp)
- 2:25 pm—2:45 pm .....Josh Shipp
- 2:45 pm—3 pm .....Final Draw/Closing Remarks



# Messages



## Motivate, empower, inspire—Josh Shipp

Former youth in care **Josh Shipp** is our Keynote speaker for the day. He offers his personal story filled with powerful messages of hope, perseverance, and success.

## You are not alone—Voices: MB Youth Speak Out Panel

Voices: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network are bringing a panel of youth from care who will share their personal stories and honest experiences of working towards successful independence. They will give a candid outlook on their struggles and triumphs and what is working best for them in seeking personal success.

## Who can support you—Westman Community Services Panel

Brief presentations from this panel will offer information on the services available to help youth break down their barriers and succeed. The panel includes representatives from *Voices: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network, Housing First, Post-Secondary Tuition Waiver Opportunities and Building Futures.*

## What's next—Parting Words, Josh Shipp

Josh's closing message will leave youth feeling inspired and optimistic to take charge of their life and control of their choices. They will receive an important message to build up their own positive network and to not be afraid to ask for help.

Master of Ceremonies

# Jason Gobeil



**Jason Gobeil** is a non-status Indian with a cultural background of Ojibway, Scottish and French. He has spent most of his life in Brandon, MB., and enjoys time well spent with his wife and three children.

Jason credits his success to his life changing opportunity with Team H.O.P.E. (Heroes of a Positive Environment) in 2002. His participation offered him that moment of turning a new leaf and really setting the ball rolling.

From working as a baker, line cook, butcher's assistant, labourer, support worker, administrator...the list goes on...Jason believes that opportunity is what you make of it. He keeps pushing his own abilities in the workforce, and continues to make his mark on employment and the realities of hard work and dedication.

Jason knows life sometimes is hard and has its ups and down. His childhood experience saw him deal with hard times at home to becoming a teenager with a viral disease on his vocal cords that kept him whispering for four years. Still, he kept searching for his own identity and pushed through it all while keeping his head high.

Jason is a true advocate for change and he continues his involvement as a speaker, volunteer, and member to many committees. He continues to make strides in our community with his passion for working with and for our Indigenous people and our city.

Keynote Speaker

# Josh Shipp



*"Statistically, I am supposed to be dead, in jail, or homeless. At 14, I'd been kicked out of so many foster homes that it became a game to me. I acted out because I didn't trust anyone, and I didn't expect that to change any time soon.*

*So, how come I didn't end up yet another statistic??"*

**Josh Shipp** is a former at-risk foster kid turned teen advocate, who helps adults understand teens and teens understand themselves.

His TV series *Teen Trouble* documents his work with teens in crisis. He is a published author, was named a *CNN Young Person Who Rocks*, listed on *INC Magazine's 30 under 30 list*, and has spoken at universities such as Harvard, Stanford, MIT, and UCLA. Josh is a recognized teen expert for media outlets like MTV, CNN, FOX, the New York Times, 20/20, and Good Morning America. He's worked with parents, educators, mental health professionals, and has spoken to more than **two million** teens live.

Josh's ultimate goal is to help as many young people as possible. He trains other speakers and has a world-wide online teen mentoring program called *A Year of Awesomeness*. He also has a free email newsletter that offers exclusive strategies to reach, teach and parent teens.

Visit [www.joshshipp.com](http://www.joshshipp.com) for more information and to see Josh's videos or listen to his podcasts.

*"When it comes to understanding the minds of teens, Josh Shipp is truly The Teen Whisperer."*

—Ellen Rakieta, Executive Producer of *OPRAH*



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# Because you matter...



A day of empowerment, inspiration, and support for Manitoba's Youth in Care aged 13 to 20, featuring international keynote speaker and former youth in care  
**Josh Shipp**

When.....Saturday, May 27, 2017

Where....Brandon University  
Harvest Hall (dining hall)  
270 18th Street, Brandon, MB

Time.....9 am to 3 pm (lunch included)

Cost .....**FREE**; **everyone must register**

**Registration deadline: Friday, April 21**

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