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THE BLADERUNNERS PROGRAM is an inspirational program that assists high risk youth in taking a step towards attaining their career goals and dreams. This program helps youth obtaining life skills, certified training, along with a cultural component, and the end result is their first step into the working force.

This program enables them to see the self-worth that they already have inside. Once the participant finishes the program, the transformation they go through is a great way for them to build up their self-esteem.

At TRICORP we are honoured and proud to help those who are less fortunate in making healthy life choices towards a bright future. How do we go about in assisting our BladeRunners clients?

First we have to focus on a community that has economic potential and entry level employment. Ideally we would like to have twelve jobs; the employment has to be on one specific industry. We then work alongside of the community band administrators to recruit the participants and to find facilities needed to run the program.

We have partnered with Kaien Safety Group to deliver the certified training. Trevor Murdock, Chief Executive Officer is the primary lead instructor for the training. He is of Metis decent and has a passion with working with the youth. His knowledge and expertise of the industrial training shines through our clients once he is done training them in various certified courses. His delivery method is one that benefits all learners, no matter what their barrier may be; he genuinely wants everyone to be successful and will assist them in anyway he can.

We also conduct Essential Skills assessments. We have partnered with Grant Bishop; he is Chief Executive Officer of Eskilon Learning Solutions Inc. The assessments used to determine what level the client's skills are at. It does not determine what level of educations the clients have but more so to gage their skill level. The clients can build up their skills by working on through the plan that is developed after the initial

assessment. This has been a great way to help those who need assistance with reading and math. The assessments are easily accessed through PLATO, and can be beneficial to the participants in helping them build on their skills needed to finish the training, for employment and day-to-day basic life necessities.

The criteria to be eligible to get into the program are, you have to be between the ages of 15 - 30 years, not in school, no job and not on employment insurance.

We continue to promote the program to communities outside of the Prince Rupert area and have already committed to three cohort which will meet our annual requirements. We do keep a running list of communities wishing to participate should additional dollars become available.

TRICORP has held two cohorts in the Northwest region of British Columbia for the 2015 fiscal year.

Cohort 1 – This cohort was focused on the mining industry there were 12 participants who entered into the program and all 12 successfully finished the program. A partnership was developed thorough this cohort with the Gitksan Wet'suwet'en Education Society. We had created a partnership with Geel Enterprises to hire the clients. A participant gained employment at Mt. Milligan, Thompson Creek Metals located in McKenzie BC. The certified training they received was First Aid level 1, Work Place Hazardous Materials, Transportation Endorsement, H2S Alive, Chainsaw safety, Bear Awareness, Transportation of dangerous goods and Fire extinguisher safety.

Cohort 2 – This cohort was focused on the Forestry industry there were 10 participants that signed up and 9 successfully graduated the program. A partnership was created with the Skidegate band council and the ministry of forestry. There were 10 employment positions created for the clients. The certified training they received was Workplace and Hazardous Materials, First Aid level 1, Transportation Endorsement, S-100, Chainsaw safety, Wilderness Awareness, Musculoskeletal Disorder Prevention.







