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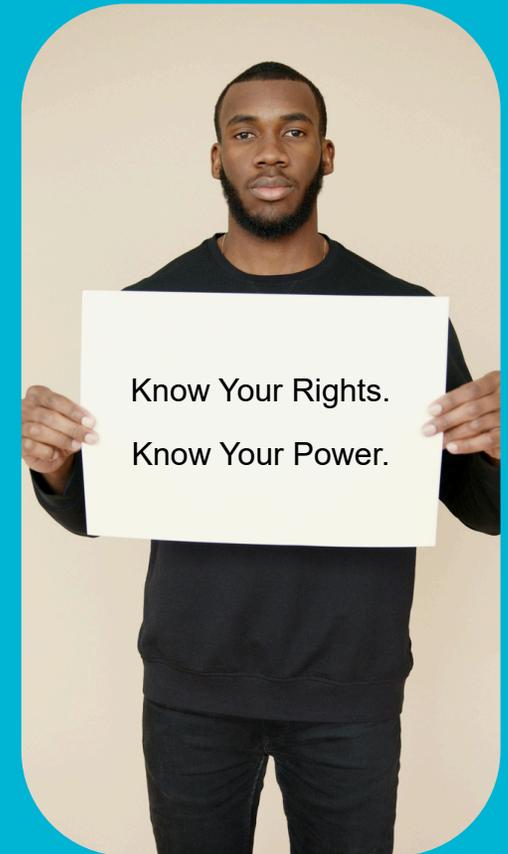
Systemic inequities continue to affect Somali and Black youth in Ottawa, resulting in higher rates of criminalization and limited access to legal education and representation.

The Court Navigator Program directly addresses these barriers by improving justice literacy, promoting fairer court outcomes through Impact of Race and Culture Assessments (IRCAs), and connecting youth to restorative justice pathways that prioritize growth over punishment.

**WHY IT
MATTERS**



Black Youth Court Navigator Program (BYNC)



SOMALI CENTRE
for Family Services



LE CENTRE SOMALIEN
pour les services à la famille

ABOUT US

The Court Navigator Program is a community-driven initiative by the Somali Centre for Family Services (SCFS) designed to strengthen access to justice for Somali and Black youth in Ottawa.

Through legal literacy, courtroom navigation, Impact of Race and Culture Assessments (IRCA), and restorative justice pathways, the program ensures that Somali youth and families are empowered with the knowledge, tools, and advocacy they need to navigate the legal system confidently.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

By bridging the gap between Black families and the Canadian legal system, this program:

- Reduces fear and misinformation about the justice process
- Builds stronger family and community resilience
- Empowers youth to become advocates for themselves and others
- Promotes equity and accountability within the justice system



OUR STRATEGIES

What Benefits Will You Get:

Reduced Barriers

Educational workshops

Community empowerment

“You’re not alone there’s always a path forward.”

— The Court Navigator Program