

# From Marginalization to Community

**CSL** - A fledgling program in Fort St John involving 7 students with exciting results!

“The start of the year made me think of skipping and friends. This program has helped me in many ways and now I’m thinking about high-school and college” - Tania

“Drugs, alcohol, and dropping out - a sudden change in my life. This class helped me to be myself” - Tabitha

“It made us more persistent with our scholastic pursuits”. - Sandra

“CSL gets me out and lets me help out in the community” - Tanner

## NEED

- Funding for a full-time teacher



# Background Information

- District Data Summary: The six-year completion rate from the time a student enrolls in grade 8 is only 42% for aboriginal students.
- We know that we are losing many of these students at the grade 8 and 9 level so we are trying to change that by developing a program that is more responsive to the needs of these students.
- Because this program is outside our budgetary funds, two counsellors, one learning assistance teacher and I have worked together to run the program this year. We are very encouraged with the results and absolutely want to continue with the program for next year. However, we are all over-extended this year and in order for it to expand and in order to maximize its potential we need to find a full-time teacher for next year.