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Time for Real Action for Youth in Care

Union Renews calls to Healey and Department to Fully Resource Homes

The news of conflict between workers and residents at Residential Youth Treatment Services (RYTS) homes (now Transitional Support Services) is upsetting, but not surprising. Our members have brought us their concerns over high stress working conditions for years. Beginning in 2016, YEU has repeatedly raised the issues of under-staffing and a lack of support for workers. We've spoken up with government leaders responsible, [and in the press](#) to try and spark action, but the problems continue, unresolved.

The people who choose this work care deeply about the children in their care. Sadly, Yukon's residential care homes are often understaffed, and the workers tell us they feel ignored and unsupported. Staff are often forced to work alone, sometimes under very difficult conditions, often without adequate training or resources.

We can't comment on any specifics, but we continue working to support our members and the community. The health and well-being of Yukon's children in care has always been our primary concern, and the reason [we have continued to raise these concerns publicly](#). We applaud the courage of the workers who have made the difficult choice to speak out about the grave problems in these homes, and that of the youth who has come forward to share his story.

We hope this renewed public attention on behalf of the kids in care and the people entrusted with their well-being [will finally force management to make change](#). We urge the Department of Health & Social Services to provide the resources staff and residents need, once and for all. Change is long overdue.

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