



OVERVIEW & APPLICATION PROCESS

Stae'wqLh 'aLeng is a residential dormitory serving students between the ages of 12-18. Additionally, youth will be provided life skills to help prepare them for independent living after graduation. Students will be encouraged to engage in behavioral and social services through our partners at Lummi Behavioral Health, Lummi Counseling Services and Lummi Nation Health Center. While residing at Stae'wqLh 'aLeng, students will have access to our on-site RN, and academic team, Cook and 24-hour Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Certified Peer Counseling.

Eligibility:

- 12 to 18 years old
- actively enrolled in school
- be a Lummi Tribal member, or have family history of descentance. They will also need consent from a parent or guardian.
- be drug and alcohol free.

Interested youth are encouraged to contact the Stae'wqLh 'aLeng office to inquire about the application. Youth and parents/guardians will need to follow the step by step process to be screened for residency.

Step One:

Request a packet from staff and return completed application .

Step Two:

Student must schedule and complete the following intakes

- Behavior Health | 360-384-0464
- Lummi Counseling Services | 360-312-2420
- Academic | 360-758-4218
- Medical w/ Stae'wqLh 'aLeng RN

Step Three:

Schedule Admissions Interview

Step Four:

Acceptance will be determined within 24 hours



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Building Leaders...

Stae'wqlh 'aLeng, "Young People Home", formerly known as Lummi Youth Academy; is a safe place for at-risk &/or displaced youth to call home.

Our doors were temporarily closed due to the COVID Pandemic, to ensure the safety of our youth at that time. We are happy to re-open our doors and are accepting applications.

Mission:

The mission of Stae'wqlh 'aLeng is to "Serve our students by creating a healthy environment wherein they can learn and grow to their full potential in an atmosphere of integrity, respect, honor, trust and love".

Breaking the Cycle of Historical Trauma:

Stae'wqlh 'aLeng will provide a space for youth to learn the importance of tradition and our Lummi Schelangen "Way of Life", our Values and Teachings. We are a trauma informed residential facility with a main goal to provide youth with an opportunity to connect with traditional protocols including spirituality, canoe lifestyle, and elder mentors while fostering youth health and wellness by returning to our Lummi Shelangen.

Stae'wqlh 'aLeng originally opened its doors in 2008 as a model residential facility for vulnerable and at-risk youth, coming from the philosophy of "bring

the children home". Its purpose and goal was, and still is, to instill a sense of cultural identity, hope and resiliency among the youth.



This is an outstanding program originating from a great need to provide a safe and sacred space, that is drug and alcohol free, offering our young people the opportunity to develop a positive outlook for the future while providing culturally relevant teachings.

Beginning with this generation, the Lummi Community will begin to wrap its arms and services around its children with language, culture, counseling and activities that meets children where they are at. The work at Lummi is a continuation of the work started by our grandmothers and its memory of our grandmothers that inspires up to take care of our own.

Staff and Support Services:

Stae'wqlh 'aLeng employs 7 Big Brothers and 7 Big Sisters. As a team, staff will be available for 24/7 monitoring and support, to ensure youth safety.

Three of the Stae'wqlh 'aLeng staff are Certified Peer Counselors (CPC's). CPC's are here to provide one-on-one support to youth and/or parents, offering either prevention tools or assistance with navigating mental health or substance use services. These services are culturally sensitive, and strength-based, to help youth residents reach their wellness goals.

Stae'wqlh 'aLeng will also have an Academic Supervisor. This individual will plan and coordinate referral services, crisis response, and collaborate with local departments and agencies for direct services aimed at; stabilization, prevention services, self-advocacy, development and tools to maintain self-care along with healthy habits/activities.

Additionally, the facility will have week-day and weekend security, and cook staff that will provide meals and snacks.

changing lives one child at a time