



WHO WE ARE

The John Howard Society of Saskatchewan (JHSS) is a well-established non-profit provincial organization that provides effective, just, and humane services in response to the causes and consequences of crime, and assists individuals who are at risk or are involved in the criminal justice process.

VISION

Communities have effective, just, humane practices that support positive social outcomes.

MISSION

The John Howard Society of Saskatchewan provides prevention, intervention, support services, and advocacy for individuals who are at risk or are involved in the criminal justice process.



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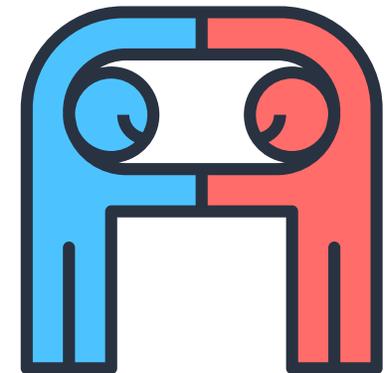
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JHSS operates on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories, traditional lands of the Nehiyaw/Cree, Saulteaux, Stoney, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, and homeland of the Métis Nation.



YOUTH CONNECT PROGRAM

Regina



Community Outreach Program

YOUTH CONNECT SUPPORTS

Intensive Case Planning: The case plan works as an agreement between the caseworker and the youth. In all JHSS programs, the client is steering their own case plan and creating attainable goals, which are monitored by the caseworker.

The Circle: The circle is a weekly meeting which will bring together outreach workers and other community partners to coordinate intervention strategies to assist youth who are absent from care. The purpose of the circle is to understand the root cause of why the youth is continually absent. The circle is designed to give youth a voice and have them tell the team what they need.

Partnerships: In addition to the core team of resources who will be present at the circles, there may be other resources we call upon to enhance programming or provide further supports for complex cases. This may include; Elders, physician, teachers, shelter provider, pastor, previous care provider, and peers.

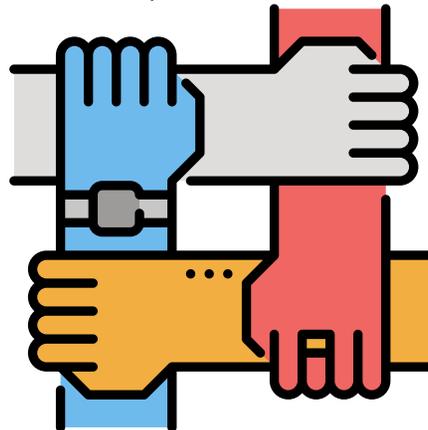
Transportation: As with our other programs, we provide transportation to our clients. Caseworkers will go to the youth rather than have them come to us. We provide transportation to all meetings and appointments as well as when a youth is in an unsafe situation.

Pro-social Recreation/Activities: Providing recreational activities allows youth to build relationships with caseworkers and their peers. Activities are planned based on the needs of the youth in the program.

WHAT IS YOUTH CONNECT?

Youth Connect is a voluntary support program for hard to serve youth who often go absent from Ministry of Social Services Care, leaving them in circumstances that can endanger their health, safety, and wellbeing.

Services provided include outreach, intensive case planning, weekly circles with identified resources, and pro-social activities and programming. The program focuses on connecting with youth to assess their risks and immediate needs. A safety plan is developed to meet their basic needs and provide them with interim safety.



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Youth Involvement: Youth need a voice and to be heard in order for them to buy in to a program. Effective work with youth is done on their time and with their input. Youth need to contribute their ideas and viewpoint in the development of the program.

Informal Supports: Focus and emphasis will be placed on building the youth's informal supports. This is an imperative step to ensure the youth will be successful moving towards independence. A key to success is finding the person the youth confides in and trusts most and involve them in this process. Not all informal supports may be healthy supports but as with our other programs, caseworkers do safety planning with their clients to ensure the young person is equipped with the tools necessary to remove themselves from an unsafe situation.

Relationships and Engagement: Relationships and engagement are the key to success in being able to return youth to care. As with our other programs, initial connections are made through gradual offers of food and recreation activities. The approach used by staff to develop relationships with youth who are high risk allows them to build trust with the caseworkers. Once trust is built, caseworkers are able to meet their basic needs. Building a strong relationship with youth and gaining their trust, is essential for them to be open and willing to accept and engage in a program that facilitates healthy changes.



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