

Youth and Family Services

Youth and Family Substance Use Services

Alcohol and drug counselling services for youth, offering assessment, treatment, and individual, group, and family counselling. Self-referrals welcome.

Alcohol and Drug Early Intervention and Prevention School-Based Program

Provides alcohol and drug services within designated School District #71 school(s). Assists youth in early identification and access to services, including education, counselling, referrals, and groups. Provides information and education on substance misuse to youth, families, caregivers, educators, and community service providers.

Youth Outreach Support

Provides an outreach service to youth who may be at risk by misusing substances, vulnerable to sexual exploitation, and need to connect with resources and healthy activities. Offers a safe after hours contact for youth.

180 Degrees Detox and Stabilization

Provides service to youth who are in the process of withdrawal from drugs and alcohol. Youth reside in John Howard Society family care homes for detox and stabilization.

Intensive Support and Supervision

Provides intensive support and supervision to youth referred by a Probation Officer. The worker assists youth in developing healthy functioning in education, work, family, and community settings.

KidStart Mentoring Program

Mentoring services for at-risk children and youth, delivered by carefully screened and trained volunteers. The mentor and buddy relationship is a recreationally-based friendship that connects caring adults one-to-one with kids ages 6 to 18.

Youth Criminal Justice Act Family Support

Assists youth on probation to make healthier lifestyle choices through: short or long term individual/family support, advocacy, crisis intervention, case planning and management. Provides support and education to specialized care homes.

Child and Family Mental Health Outreach Program

Provides a team-based approach to support families whose children require intensive intervention strategies and interagency coordination. Referrals accepted from Child and Youth Mental Health.

Caregiver Support

Provides behavioural consultation support to foster parents referred by the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services (YFPS)

Assesses and treats youth involved in the criminal justice system, within the context of their family and community, to decrease offending behaviour. Provides coordination of community treatment-release plans for young offenders.

YFPS - Youth Treatment

Assists youth adjudicated for offending to become more responsible, respectful, and caring in their relationships. An integral component is family therapy. These services are provided to youth in Courtenay and Campbell River, as well as south to Bowser and north to Port Hardy and Alert Bay.

Adult Services

Community Living BC Outreach

An individualized approach to providing supports to eligible adults. Supports include establishing community connections, life skills, home management, relationship building, management of health issues, and personal safety.

Intake

Information is available to ex-offenders and families who approach the Society.

Adult Services

Adult Forensic Treatment

Provides treatment for provincially sentenced adult sex offenders who attend by probation order or as a condition of parole.

Adult Forensic Outreach

Provides outreach support to mentally disordered offenders and those found not criminally responsible with a goal to decrease risk factors and enhance stabilization in their community. Where needed and appropriate, assists with activities of daily living and encourages independence in areas such as cooking, financial management, hygiene, shopping, making and keeping appointments.

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Mission Statement

The John Howard Society of North Island is a charitable organization whose mission is to promote and foster safer and healthier communities by providing appropriate programs of rehabilitation, education, prevention and healing for those who need an opportunity to achieve, maintain or regain a balance within their communities.

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