

Headstart and Oasis Full-Time Attendance Programs

Headstart is a six-month alternative to custody program for male youth ages 14-18. Headstart is open to young men in BC who are on a probation order that includes a condition to attend a Full-Time Attendance Program.

Oasis is a six-month alternative to custody program for female youth ages 14-18. Oasis is open to young women in BC who are on a probation order that includes a condition to attend a Full-Time Attendance Program.

Headstart and Oasis are located in Campbell River on Vancouver Island. There are a total of five spaces in each program and intake is continuous.

While in program, youth reside with contracted **Caregiver Families**. Caregivers provide youth with a safe and supportive place to live.

During the week, youth attend Headstart or Oasis Day Programs which focus on academics, employment readiness, communication, self-awareness, healthy relationships, recreational activities, independent living (as appropriate), and much more!

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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Information for Probation Officers

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Making a Referral

Follow these steps to make a referral:

1. Go to www.jhsni.bc.ca for current referral packages and forms.
2. Complete the referral forms, and include copies of Pre Sentence Reports and **any** assessment information (summaries are fine).
3. Fax to 250-286-6080.

If you have concerns about the suitability of a referral, call Full - Time Attendance Program Manager, Lori McKeown, at 250-286-0222, ext. 222.

Pre-screening

Once we receive the complete referral, we are ready for pre-screening.

Pre-screening entails:

- Reviewing the referral package.
- Contacting those who have additional information about the youth's needs and potential risks.

Screening Schedule

Oasis: Second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m.

Headstart: Fourth Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m.

Screening

After we have completed the pre-screening, we will review your referral at the next Screening Committee meeting.

- Screening committee meetings take place via conference call.
- The referring Probation Officer must participate.
- Youth who are being referred are encouraged to participate in the first 5-10 minutes of the call.
- You will be contacted with a time and date for screening. Phone in at the agreed upon time.
- Calls normally take a half-hour.

Screening Committees

The Headstart and Oasis Screening Committees are comprised of:

- Members of the JHSNI staff team.
- Liaison Probation Officer: Richard Hine.
- Two Regional Probation Officers: Suzanne Beavan with Oasis and Trina Kent with Headstart.

Family Connections

Many youth have strong connections with their family.

- Family members are encouraged to contact the Youth Counsellor or Clinical Counsellor to best understand how to support their youth in the program.

Integrated Case Management (ICMs)

Each youth has regularly scheduled ICMs. The Probation Officer is a key participant.

- The Youth Counsellor will work with the youth to identify key supports who should be invited to the ICM (this could include Social Worker, family, A & D Counsellor, Foster Parent, etc.) This is an opportunity for the youth to describe their success in the program and also identify any areas of concern or needs.
- Part of the ICM will focus on home visits and transition/discharge planning.

Counselling Services—Individual and Group

Our counselling services are grounded in the knowledge of trauma, attachment, FASD, substance use, and other complicating risk factors.

- We strive to support youth in developing greater understanding of themselves and safer coping strategies for managing in their natural environment.
- Groups range in topic. Examples include: PTSD and Substance Use, Healthy Self & Healthy Relationships, and Family Systems and Intergenerational Trauma.