

COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING FOR 12-17 yrs.

ELGIN/HURON/PERTH

Extrajudicial Measures - Accountability is an important step in the process of righting a wrong. Extrajudicial Measures gives a young person an opportunity to repair the harm they caused to a victim and /or community. It provides options for police when dealing with youth in conflict with the law, and allows a young person an alternative to the formal court process.

Extrajudicial Sanctions - Extrajudicial Sanctions provide Youth with an alternative to the court process while still holding the Youth Person accountable for their actions. A Young Person is admitted into the program only after referral from the Crown and the acceptance of responsibility for their actions.

Reintegration Support - The Community Support Program provides assistance to youth currently on Probation. Young Persons work in conjunction with a Youth Worker and their Case Manager to develop an individualized plan to determine and achieve personal goals and needs.

Other Program Options - Programs are designed to help youth develop appropriate knowledge and coping skills in many aspects such as communication, self-confidence, problem solving and decision making. Referral is by courts, schools, community or probation services through the EJM/EJS/CS programs. These are offered in both individual and group format and include:

- Choices & Healthy Choices
- Outreach – to provide advocacy and mentorship for at risk youth
- Alcohol and Drug Awareness
- Smartboard Hub Programs
- Anger Awareness
- Red Cap
- Media Awareness
- Shoplifting
- Life Skills

Youth Justice Committees (Huron & Elgin)

Youth Justice Committees bring together young people alleged to have committed low-risk offences, their parents, victims and trained volunteer members of the community to negotiate an appropriate way for the young person to make amends for his or her actions. They provide an increased role for victims and communities in dealing with minor offences committed by young persons who are prepared to be accountable.

MISSION STATEMENTS



The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world.

Correctional & Justice Services

Correctional & Justice Services of London and Area supports, encourages and assists all persons affected by the Justice System.

Community Alternatives for Youth

To provide youth at risk with meaningful, timely and effective community based measures to support accountability, reintegration and justice in the community.

Programs are supported in conjunction with:

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CHATHAM/KENT,
STRATFORD/PERTH,
ST. THOMAS/ELGIN AND
GODERICH/HURON COUNTIES

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS

Court Services - London - The Salvation Army court workers assist accused, victims, witnesses, families and other persons affected by the criminal justice system. Services include providing information about court appearances, arranging referrals for outside service and practical and spiritual support.

The Electronic Surveillance Program - An electronic monitoring system that monitors the offenders' compliance with house arrest and curfew conditions. This allows the offenders to be more accountable for their actions while still having the opportunity to lead productive lives out of custody.

Positive Lifestyle - This program is designed for people in or at risk of conflict with the law, and is administered through group or one-to-one counselling sessions. There are also support services provided to lawyers, courts and families as required.

The Journey - A three-day retreat for women trapped in prostitution, addiction or crime. It provides an opportunity for self-reflection, crafts, Bible-based discussion and relaxation in a holistic environment designed to nurture the body and rejuvenate the spirit.

Soul Food - Women prepare and share a meal and Bible based discussion.

THE JOHN SCHOOL

The John School Program is a community based diversion tool. Adult offenders who have been arrested for communication for the purpose of engaging in prostitution and do not have a violent or related record are eligible for the program.



Cornerstone Outreach - A community based support program for persons-at-risk or involved in the sex trade. The program is designed as a holistic, supportive, participative and needs-based initiative that extends beyond basic intervention. Cornerstone provides a constructive means for participants to examine the key issues and risks associated with the sex trade. Individual choices, factors and barriers are examined. Tools are also provided for leaving the sex trade safely.

Cornerstone Dignity - London - A drop-in for individuals in the sex trade and those who have been trafficked.

To share a meal together, to explore wellness topics and to access a Primary Care Nurse Practitioner in a safe, non-judgemental atmosphere.

Compulsive Theft/Shoplifting - A ten week program designed to explore the reasons behind and consequences of shoplifting which includes:

- Increasing self-awareness and self-control
- Learning the effects of shoplifting
- Overcoming barriers and implementing strategies to change behaviour
- Understanding theft as a response to emotions/feelings

Spiritual Care - To nurture the spiritual dimensions of all persons requesting support through facilitation of programs which acknowledge health, healing and hope. Practical support provided or referral to local churches or faith communities.

INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS ELGIN MIDDLESEX DETENTION CENTRE

Spiritual Care - This program provides practical, spiritual care and community support referrals for incarcerated individuals.

Positive Lifestyle - This program provides life skills for women and is held once a week in a group setting.

Leisure Opportunities - A program of leisure activities, crafts and conversation for women held once a week.

Bear Hugs from Mom - Through volunteer support and donations, this program assists incarcerated women by sending a Teddy bear to their child at Christmas.

JUSTICE ON TARGET

Direct Accountability Program: Chatham, Goderich, St. Thomas and Stratford - The Direct Accountability Program is an alternative to formal prosecution for eligible individuals who have been charged with minor criminal offences referred by the Crown. The program involves accused persons being held accountable through community-based sanctions.

Stop Shop Theft Program - An educational solution to encourage participants to generate their own ideas, solutions and goals on how to change the problematic thinking, feelings and behaviour that have led to their involvement with the criminal justice system through shoplifting.

Anger and Substance Awareness - An educational / informational program offered in a small group format. It focuses on the connection between anger and substance abuse and also explores strategies to manage the emotions underlying expressions of anger and substance misuse.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness - An educational/ informational program offered in a small group format. Participants learn about the effects of alcohol and various types of drugs, assess their own usage, explore how their substance use has contributed to their involvement with the criminal justice system, and discuss strategies for change.

VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Volunteers and Student Placements make up an important complement of our Ministry Unit. Student placements are accepted for one or two semesters. Volunteers are utilized in several programs.

