

Program Activities

Involvement of the resident in daily chores such as housekeeping and dishes.

A behaviour-monitoring program that encourages positive change and adherence to house rules.

Use of community facilities year round, and an expanded recreation/life skills program during the summer months, made possible through grants.

Monitoring of progress and behavioural problems at weekly case conference meetings.

Provision of one-on-one individual counselling with each resident, on a weekly basis, to monitor, support and encourage the individual in achieving program goals.

Involvement of staff in interpersonal problems that may arise between residents. We encourage constructive problem solving and taking responsibility for behaviour.

Involvement in the in-house cognitive behavioural program known as Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) (Open Custody/Detention)

Mandatory attendance in community school program or inter-agency school program.

Locations

Butch Collins' Residence

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Attendance Centre

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Youth Opportunities Strategy

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Program Objectives

Cease further conflicts with the law and assist with the court process (Open Custody/Detention).

Improve life skills (budgeting, self care etc).

Improve education and develop employment skills.

Develop healthy attitudes and socially acceptable behaviour.

Improve self-image, interpersonal relations, and problem solving skills.

Encourage a healthy lifestyle through diet and exercise, and proper medical attention.

Develop self-control.

Maintain a warm and stable living environment.

Protect residents from self-harm and harm from others.

Develop a plan of care, which incorporates plans for either the reintroduction of the youth in their parental/guardian home or the development of an independent living program.



Open Custody & Open Detention

Non-Residential Attendance Centre



Foster Care Group Homes



Youth Opportunities Strategy



A Brief History of New Beginnings

New Beginnings (Essex County) was incorporated in 1971, in Windsor, Ontario, at which point it became an affiliate member of the St. Leonard's Society of Canada. New Beginnings operated as a group home for young males, fourteen to nineteen years of age. The target groups were those with past or current conflicts with the law. In 1985, the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services designated and funded New Beginnings as an Open Custody facility for Phase II male offenders, sentenced pursuant to the Young Offender's Act. On February 19, 2002, the Youth Criminal Justice Act (Y.C.J.A.) received Royal Assent from Parliament and it was proclaimed on April 1, 2003, replacing the Young Offenders Act. In 2001, New Beginnings established a relationship with the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Windsor Essex County Children's Aid Society. A foster care group home for male youth between the ages of 13 to 17 years, was established, followed by a similar foster care group home for females in 2002.

Statement of Philosophy

Adolescence is a difficult time of adjustment and change for the healthiest of youth; one of the elements which can affect this developmental process, is the support provided by a stable environment.

New Beginnings provides our youth the opportunity to make positive adjustments through this period and helps him/her to explore positive lifestyle changes.

Residential Services

Open Custody Group Home

The open custody/detention home accommodates up to 11, sixteen and seventeen year old male offenders. An offender may be older than seventeen, depending upon how old they were when they committed the offence and the length of disposition. Young males are admitted to the program as a result of an open custody disposition or a remand order rendered by a Youth Court Judge.

Foster Care Group Homes

The foster group homes accept difficult to serve youth who have been unable to reside in their parental home and/or other group homes due to past conflict. Each home accommodates eight youth and is placed in the home by the Children's Aid Society.

Non-Residential Services

Attendance Centre Program

The Non-Residential Attendance Centre Program will be for youth who will benefit from a period of intensive, highly structured and closely supervised programming to address their individual needs such as anger management, life skills or employment/job search skills. The program will run during the day and after school hours.

The program will provide more constructive, long-term, and sustainable solutions to youth crime that reinforce important social values such as respect, responsibility, and accountability, providing intensive programming that promotes family

involvement, community support, positive attitudes and behaviour, and the development of appropriate social skills involving key members of the case management team and community resources as required.

Youth Opportunities Strategy

On February 19th, 2007 the Minister of Children and Youth Services, Mary Anne Chambers, announced that New Beginnings would be the lead agency for the Youth Opportunities Strategy: Youth Outreach Worker and Summer Jobs for Youth programs in Windsor.

The Outreach Worker program is designed to provide prevention, early intervention and more community-based services and programs for youth. The Youth Outreach Worker Program in Windsor employs 4 outreach workers to serve as mentors and advocates for youth in four distinct neighbourhoods (Olde Sandwich Towne, City Centre, Drouillard and parts of Forest Glade). Outreach workers will ensure youth are aware of, and know how to access, a wide range of programs and services. They will also promote youth engagement in all aspects of life in their communities.

The Summer Jobs for Youth program is designed to assist youth 15 to 18 years of age acquire workplace skills through summer employment. It's a win-win for employers and young people. As part of the program, youth will receive job readiness training, paid employment placements from July to August, and post-employment support. This is a fully subsidized summer employment program that helps young people in our community gain valuable work experience.

In 1999, New Beginnings formed a partnership with Human Resources Development Canada and their Youth Services Canada Program, and, the Phoenix Garden Project was created. Annually, the 26-week program assists up to 15 youth overcome employment, educational, and life skill barriers. 1999 - 2007

In January 2004, New Beginnings and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services initiated the Community Reintegration Program. This program allows for a youth worker to be assigned to a young offender upon discharge from custody in order to assist with the discharge plan objectives. The period of assistance is specifically determined in numbers of hours per week and the number of weeks varies according to the needs of the young person.

Funding

Butch Collins' Residence, Attendance Centre and Youth Opportunities Strategy

Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Rossini Group Homes

Ministry of Community and Social Services

Phoenix Garden Project 1999-2007

Skills Link - Human Resources Centre of Canada

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