

COUNSELLING

Individual and/or group counselling is provided by:

Assigned Lodge Staff (Primary Worker) - as defined in each resident plan of care.

Community Counselling - Referral to long-term counselling.

Elders - utilizing traditional approaches and methods as appropriate.

Contracted Professionals - as required under the terms of resident plans of care ie. Psychiatrist.

Lodge Staff & Elders - in consultation with those involved in the care and support being provided to a resident's family in anticipation of the resident's return home.

DISCHARGE & AFTERCARE PLANNING

Residents are discharged from the program when it has been determined through the service monitoring and review process, that Plan objectives have been reached.

Discharge is also considered when:

- It is the result of a change in a court order.
- It appears that a Lodge resident has needs/behavioural characteristics which cannot be addressed in the Lodge environment, or would be more effectively addressed in another environment.
- A resident's parent/guardian (s) have failed to carry through with a commitment made to participate in individual or family counselling.
- A resident repeatedly breaks Lodge rules (to a degree deemed serious by staff) despite discussion, warnings and restrictions.

Aftercare support is provided to residents.

For more information contact:

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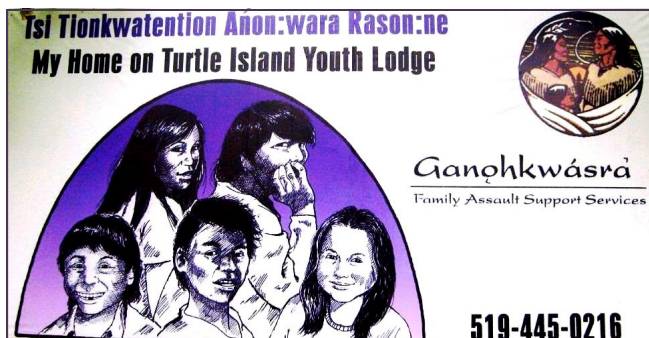
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Youth Lodge provides a therapeutic approach in a culturally sensitive manner that encompasses mental, physical, spiritual and emotional areas. Every aspect of life at the Youth Lodge, including rules and the approach to behaviour management, is considered part of an integrated, holistic program. It is intended to assist the participants in recognizing their less effective behaviours and through the process of self-evaluation, learn to make more effective choices in order to meet their needs.

The basic rules of life in the Youth Lodge are based on the safety and respect of all participants and staff. Residents will participate in the daily upkeep of the residence, attend school or a work/volunteer program and participate in programming.

TREATMENT PHILOSOPHY

“My Home on Turtle Island” is a group home for First Nations youth operating on the Six Nations of the Grand River. With the support of the Board of Directors, the staff of the Lodge follow the philosophy of Choice Theory as written by Dr. William Glasser.

It is our approach that to continue to focus on the behaviour of the youth and to attempt to change the behaviours through the use of external controls such as reward and punishment (consequences) is futile. In fact, behaviours are usually the symptom of the real problems which need to be addressed.

In our home, we individualize each program for every youth. We will attempt to determine what the reason is for the less effective behaviours and to the best of our abilities, to provide learning situations where the youth can gain skills to more adequately meet their life's ambitions. We set boundaries that provide safety and protection for all. Our program focus is to assist the youth to self-assess and learn to independently move successfully

through their lives, accepting responsibility for their behaviour and learning new skills.

CAPACITY

The Lodge is an eight bed co-ed residence for youth ages 12 to 18; that operates on a seven day, 24 hour basis.



WAMPUM - Hiawatha Belt

This belt is a national belt of the Haudenosaunee. The belt is named after Hiawatha, the Peacemaker's helper. In this belt, it records when 5 nations; the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Mohawk, buried their weapons of war to live in peace. Each square represents a nation and the line connects each nation in peace.

The center symbol represents Onondaga. Here the peacemaker planted the Tree of Peace. Under this tree the leaders buried their weapons of war beneath it. Then the Peacemaker set forth a method for the Haudenosaunee to gather as one to think about decisions concerning the Haudenosaunee. The Peacemaker set the council fire at Onondaga. At Onondaga is where the nations leaders meet. He then used the symbolism of the longhouse in the belt. To the west, he named the Senecas as our Western Doorkeepers and the east the Mohawks the Keepers of the Eastern door. As for the Onondagas, he named them the Firekeepers. They are entrusted to ensure that the council fire of the Haudenosaunee continues on.

ELIGIBILITY

The Lodge serves male and female youth ages 12 to 18. Priority is given to those who are members of Six Nations or New Credit; followed by other First Nations youth.

The Lodge does not accept youth assessed as psychotic, suicidal or medically unstable (unless these conditions are under effective control by medical professionals).

Youth on YOA probation may be considered for admission at the discretion of the Supervisor.

INTAKE

Referrals are forwarded to the Intake Worker at Ganohkwasra Family Assault Support Services.

Intake consists of:

- Pre-assessment screening (suitability of services)
- Completion of Intake Package
- Supervisor Interview/Screening

Information Needed:

- Health card
- Birth Certificate
- Status Card if applicable
- Social Insurance Number card

The parent(s)/caregiver of youth between the ages of 12 - 16, are required to attend the Intake interview.

PLAN OF CARE AND SERVICE

An initial plan of care is drafted and signed in the first 30 days with the new resident, the parent(s)/caregiver, Lodge staff and the referring agency.

If consensus on an appropriate plan cannot be achieved, arrangements will be made to return the youth to the referring agency or home (if a direct referral).

PROGRAMMING

Programming is focused in the following areas:

- A. Health
- B. Life Skills
- C. Culture
- D. Therapeutic

Residents are encouraged to participate in recreation/leisure activities in residence and in the community.