

PATHWAYS TO CARE RESOURCE LIST

FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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Nanda Project Pathways to Care Resource List**
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Pathways to Care: Resource List for Human Trafficking

Nanda (translation- to look or to seek in the Anishinaabe language) is an Indigenous-led initiative, implemented by an Indigenous-led agency and governed by an Indigenous Advisory Council (Nanda Advisory Council) consisting of people with lived experience as well as Indigenous Elders. The Nanda Advisory Council was actively engaged in both the project delivery and design.

In 2018, the Nanda Project conducted a respectful and collaborative process to better understand who, what, where, why and when human trafficking is happening in Indigenous communities. The purpose was to determine how Anduhyaun Inc. could better meet the needs of Indigenous women with lived experience of human trafficking.

A deliverable of the Nanda Project was to create a document of effective resources to increase access to supports for survivors and persons with lived experience in human trafficking. The Pathways to Care: Resource List for Human Trafficking handbook is a useful tool to be shared with other social service organizations to increase capacity to serve survivors and strengthen service partnerships.

We wish to thank all those involved in the Nanda Project! If you know of a resource that should be added, please contact Anduhyaun Inc.

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Advocacy

Action Coalition on Human Trafficking in Alberta

The Action Coalition on Human Trafficking Alberta (ACT) – has arisen in response to this violation of basic human rights.

ACT Alberta works collaboratively with law enforcement, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to identify and respond to human trafficking in our province.

ACT Alberta serves the needs of internationally and internally trafficked people, and assists those trafficked for the purposes of labour exploitation, sexual exploitation, and the removal of organs.

If this a non-emergency situation and you would like to speak with us, please call us at (780) 474-1104. We provide free, safe, and confidential service coordination and referrals for victims of human trafficking.

To speak with a Response Coordinator regarding supports for victims, please call:

Edmonton (and northern Alberta)

(780)218-5815

Calgary (and southern Alberta)

(587)585-5236

These numbers are not 24/7 crisis lines. These numbers are available Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. If you leave a message we will get back to you within 2 business days.

Email: <https://www.actalberta.org/>

Angels of Hope (Sudbury, ON)

The Angels of Hope program is based out of Sudbury, Ontario and provides support for those exiting the sex trade. Providing case-workers to assist clients in navigating exiting; they can also provide Indigenous specific caseworkers and access to Elders counseling if the client requests it. The program also provides counseling to the family members of survivors and training on human trafficking in the community.

Contact: (705) 822-8630

Email: cristina@aohagainstrafficking.ca

Website: <https://www.aohagainsthumantrafficking.com/contact-us/>

Bad Date List

What is a Bad Date?

The term “bad date” is used to describe an episode of violence enacted upon a sex worker, as well as incidents of theft, refusal of payment, threats, rudeness, time wasting, harassment, aggressive behavior etc. Basically, anyone you’d want to help other sex workers avoid or warn them about.

How do I report a bad date?

You can always report a bad date online without signing in, just click on the reports button, and then on report a bad date.

You can also report by leaving a voicemail: (416)765-6009 or send an email to bdcoalition@gmail.com

How do I search someone on the bad date list?

If you’d like to search the bad date list, you’ll need to sign up and become a trusted member. Becoming a trusted member lets you search the bad date list, so you can see if another sex worker has any negative things to say about a client. To learn how to sign up, contact: bdcoalition@gmail.com

Who is the Bad Date Coalition?

The Bad Date Coalition (BDC) is a social action group based in Toronto, Ontario Canada is dedicated to improving safety for people involved in sex work. We are sex workers (current and former) as well as allies. The BDC believes that reducing stigma and ending criminalization is central in eliminating violence against sex workers. For more information visit baddatecoalition.ca

Coalition Against Trafficking In Women

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) is a Non-governmental organization that works to end human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children worldwide. CATW is the world's first organization to fight human trafficking internationally and is the world's leading abolitionist organization. A unique strength of CATW is that we engage in advocacy, education, victim services and prevention programs for victims of trafficking and prostitution in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, and North America, including in the United States.

Since 1988, CATW has provided widely recognized leadership on local, national, regional, and international levels, in promoting legislative, policy and educational measures to raise awareness about the root causes of human trafficking. CATW holds Special Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and was a key consultant at the UN Transnational Organized Crime Meeting from 1999-2000 the outcome of which is the Palermo Protocol, the world's most recognized legal instrument on human trafficking.

Website: <http://www.catwinternational.org/>

Hope Alliance – Anti Human Trafficking

Created as a partnership between Police and John Howard Society. Hope Alliance provides advocacy, outreach, and prevention, education, and harm reduction services in the hopes of reducing or preventing risk associated with human trafficking and exploitation. Works with already existing community services to bolster support for victims and those involved in sex work to increase supports and reduce risk.

Location: Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

Contact: hopealliancesm@gmail.com

International Labor Organization (ILO)

The only tripartite United Nation agency, since 1919 the ILO brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 member states to set labour standards, develop policies and devise programs promoting decent work for all women and men in relation to forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking.

Website: <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/forced-labour/lang--en/index.htm>

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Ontario's Strategy to End Human Trafficking (MCCSS)

Some people think of human trafficking as an international crime but it is happening here in Ontario, for both sexual and labour exploitation. Learn about what human trafficking is, what you can do to stop it and what help is available.

Website: <https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/human-trafficking/index.aspx>

Online Training Initiative to Address Human Trafficking

Free online training program, resources, tips and tools to assist service providers working with survivors of human trafficking. Our goal is to help you become sufficiently informed about the dynamics of this phenomenon in Ontario, to spot red flags and know paths to pursue when you suspect a case of labour trafficking.

This online training initiative includes a general training on human trafficking, as well as modules tailored to industry-specific needs: legal professionals, law enforcement officers, healthcare professionals, and professionals working with children.

In addition, you may join a series of free webinars that offer a

chance for a discussion on various aspects of this phenomenon. Learning about indicators, referral services, and when and how to intervene can help communities shed light on this issue and positively impact the life of survivors.

Website: <http://helpingtraffickedpersons.org/>

Ottawa Coalition to End Human Trafficking

A coalition of interested groups work together to address the immediate and long-term resource and support needs of persons affected by human trafficking, including persons who have exited a trafficking situation, their families and communities, as well as persons who may be at risk of exploitation. Provide training to community agencies, and have a request form on their website. A variety of resources and information on HT are available on the website.

The team can provide information, case management for referrals for community-based support. All inquiries are confidential and anonymous.

Contact: (613)769-6531 (Monday-Friday only) Website:

<http://www.endhumantrafficking.ca/about/>

Persons Against the Crime of Trafficking in Humans (PACT)

PACT is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers that organize education, support services, networking and advocacy for the community around human trafficking of women and children. PACT conducts a wide variety of education and public awareness initiatives at the local and national levels and have a variety of resources regarding legislation and information on human trafficking on their website.

info@pact-ottawa.org

Bronson Centre
211 Bronson Avenue
Ottawa, ON K1R 6H5

Or visit their website for information and resources:
<http://www.pactottawa.org/contact.html>

Peers Victoria Resource Society

AN ORGANIZATION OF SEX WORKERS FOR SEX WORKERS
Is an innovative, multi-service grassroots agency that was established by, with, and for sex workers in 1995. Through direct service delivery and community partnerships, Peers provides an array of outreach and drop-in harm reduction and support services alongside education and employment training for current and former sex workers.

Core Programs and Services:

- Drop-In Centre/Wellness Clinic
- Health Support and Outreach
- Night Outreach
- Housing and Community Support
- Violence Prevention & Response
- Victoria's "Bad Date & Aggressor" Sheet
- Men and Trans Outreach
- Trans Workers Monthly Dinner Group
- Indoor Workers Dinner and Education Group
- Small Business Training Program
- The Jannit Rabinovitch Memorial Scholarship
- Public Education

Location: 1-744 Fairview Road, Victoria, BC V9A5T9
General Contact | 250-388-5325 admin@peers.bc.ca
Night Outreach | 250-744-0171
outreach@peers.bc.ca
Website: <https://www.safersexwork.ca/>

Sextrade101

Toronto's ONLY Sex Trade Survivors and Abolitionists Organization.

We offer the public awareness and education on all aspects of the sex trade, in order to eradicate myths and stereotypes about prostitution by replacing them with facts and true stories from women who've been enslaved by this dark and lucrative industry.

We are a group of very diverse, unique, Canadian women. Our backgrounds and our stories are quite different. The common thread is prostitution. We have come together under the organization Sex Trade 101: Public Awareness and Education, to promote ourselves as sex trade experts; front-line workers, speakers, advocates, and activists for the rights of sex trafficking victims and prostitution survivors.

Contact: NATASHA@SEXTRADE101.COM
OR INFO@SEXTRADE101.COM

Contact by regular mail:

P.O. Box 90035, 1488 Queen Street West, Toronto ON M6K 3K3

Website: <http://www.sextrade101.com>

Sex Professionals of Canada (SPOC)

Sex Professionals of Canada is an organization of people working in the sex industry. We were founded in 1983. Our goal is the decriminalization of prostitution. We want to work in dignity and safety.

Location:

Mississauga, ON

Website: <http://www.spoc.ca/index.html>

Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network (SWAN)

The Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network is a network of civil society organizations engaged in advocating the Human Rights of the sex workers in Central and Eastern Europe, CIS and South- East Europe.

Location: Hungary, Central Europe

Contact email: swansecretariat@swannet.org

Website: <http://www.swannet.org>

Help Lines

Assaulted Women's Helpline

The Assaulted Women's Helpline offers a 24-hour telephone and TTY crisis line to all women who have experienced abuse. We provide counselling, emotional support, information and referrals. We recognize abuse as one example of women's social, political and economic inequality in the world. The Helpline is dedicated to working towards equality for all women.

CRISIS LINE

GTA (416)863-0511

GTA TTY (416)364-8762

TOLL-FREE 1(866)863-0511

TOLL-FREE TTY 1(866)863-7868

#SAFE (#7233) on your Bell, Rogers, Fido or TELUS mobile phone

Website: <http://www.awhl.org/home>

408 HELP Line (416-408-4357)

408-HELPLine provides telephone support to individuals in the community who are at risk and their most vulnerable. Highly-trained volunteer responders (with the support of professional staff) connect with callers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Our team provides callers with emotional support and crisis intervention when they are socially isolated, marginalized, struggling with chronic mental health problems, in distress, attempting to navigate family violence or in need of emergency response or suicide prevention + intervention + post-vention.

408-HELPLine provides:

- Emotional support service for those with chronic mental health problems
- Support & crisis intervention services for those currently experiencing distress or crisis
- Family violence response
- Suicide prevention services
- Emergency intervention and response

Website: <https://www.torontodistresscentre.com/408-help-line/>

Chrysalis Anti-Human Trafficking Network

The Chrysalis Network offers a free, confidential telephone counselling service to women, men, and youth who have been trafficked for the purposes of forced commercial sex or labour. It is a non-abolitionist support line. They can be reached at 1-866-528-7109 or at Website: <http://www.chrysalisnetwork.org/>

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line

The Hope for Wellness Help Line was established as a specific resource for First Nations and Inuit Peoples to provide immediate, culturally competent telephone counselling, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is available in English, French and upon request in Cree, Ojibway, and Inuktitut. Online chat services are currently available in English and French, with expansion to Indigenous languages currently being explored as this new service launches.

The Hope for Wellness Help Line can be accessed by phone at 1855242-3310 or through the new online chat at:

- English: www.hopeforwellness.ca
- French: www.espoirpourlemieuxetre.ca

HOPE

Call 1(800) 656-HOPE (4673) to be connected with a trained staff member from a sexual assault service provider in your area.

This is a United States Help Line. It is Confidential and takes calls from all over North America.

How does it work?

When you call 1(800)656-HOPE (4673), you'll be routed to a local RAINN affiliate organization based on the first six digits of your phone number. Cell phone callers have the option to enter the ZIP code of their current location to more accurately locate the nearest sexual assault service provider.

Calling the National Sexual Assault Hotline gives you access to a range of free services including:

- Confidential support from a trained staff member
- Support finding a local health facility that is trained to care for survivors of sexual assault and offers services like sexual assault forensic exams
- Someone to help you talk through what happened
- Local resources that can assist with your next steps toward healing and recovery
- Referrals for long term support in your area
- Information about the laws in your community
- Basic information about medical concerns

Klinic's Human Trafficking Hotline

If you need help, or just want to talk call the Human Trafficking Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our counsellors are available to provide non-judgmental, trauma-informed care and are here to listen.

Klinic's Human Trafficking Hotline: (toll-free) 1-844-333-2211

This line provides 24/7 support and counselling to trafficked persons, and anyone else affected by trafficking such as service providers, family, friends and co-workers. Information regarding resources and referrals are also offered, as well as a reporting option if you are unable or unwilling to contact the police. Information on human trafficking is also available to the general public.

Sex workers can also use the line for making a bad date list report anonymously with a counsellor who after taking the report will offer support that you can accept or decline.

Website: <http://klinic.mb.ca/crisis-support/human-trafficking-hotline-information/>

LGBTQ Youth Line

Youth Line offers confidential and non-judgmental peer support through our telephone, text and chat services. Get in touch with a peer support volunteer from Sunday to Friday, 4:00PM to 9:30 PM.

4:00-9:30 PM Sunday-Friday.

Toll-Free:

1(800)268-9688

Text: (647)-694-4275

TTY: 416-962-0777

Email: askus@youthline.ca

Ontario's Confidential Human Trafficking Helpline & Website:

Contact: 1(833)999-9211

Ontario's Strategy to End Human Trafficking

Website:

<https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/humanTrafficking/index.aspx>

Talk4Healing

Indigenous women's help line expands across Ontario:

A helpline to promote the mental health and well-being of Indigenous women that was previously available only in Northern Ontario is being expanded across the province. The Talk4Healing helpline provides 24-hour telephone, text and chat services. Is a culturally grounded, fully confidential helpline for Indigenous women available in 14 languages all across Ontario.

The confidential help line staffed by Indigenous women can be reached at 1(855) 554-4325.

Website: <https://www.talk4healing.com/>

Toronto Rape Crisis Centre

Open 24/7

Contact: (416) 597-8808

Email: crisis@trccmwar.ca

Trans Lifeline

Hotline staffed by transgender people for transgender people. Trans Lifeline works to end Transgender suicide and improve the overall mental health of Transgender people through education, advocacy, and direct service. Empowering Trans people to help one another, and to shape our collective efforts by drawing upon our wealth of individual experiences.

Contact: USA: 1(877) 565-8860 Canada: 1(877)330-6366

Healthcare And Basic Needs

Anishnawbe Health Toronto

225 Queens St. East
Toronto, ON M5A 1S4
Phone: (416)360-0486
Fax: (416)365-1083
Website: <http://www.aht.ca/>

To improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal people in spirit, mind, emotion, and body by providing Traditional Healing within a multi-disciplinary health care model.

There are three locations for Anishnawbe Health.

The Queen St. Location is the medical unit and their services include:

Physicians	Dieticians
RN's	Psychiatrist
Chiropractors	Traditional Healers/Helpers (Osh Ka Be Wis)
Naturopaths	Diabetes Health Educator
Chiropodist	Dentist
FASD Services	Diagnostic/ Walk in Clinic

Hours of operation: Monday and Wednesday 9-8pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-5pm

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Aboriginal Services

Referral Requirements: Self-referral accepted through Access CAMH, call 416-535-8501 press 2 Services Offered As: Outpatient
Location: Queen Street Site - 60 White Squirrel Way Additional
Location Details: 2nd floor.

The Aboriginal Service provides outpatient groups and individual counselling to Aboriginal people experiencing substance use and mental health issues, as well as support to clients who are in CAMH inpatient programs.

The treatment team includes Aboriginal Social Workers, Occupational Therapist and an Elder/Traditional healer, as well as access to psychiatry. The Aboriginal Service blends therapeutic and psycho-educational groups with cultural programming and ceremonies as part of a holistic approach to care. In addition to other ceremonies, CAMH has an onsite Sweat Lodge that can be utilized as part of a client's treatment plan.

Evergreen Youth Drop-in Centre

Mon -Fri 9:00am- 5:00pm

381 Yonge St. at: Gerrard St. Toronto, ON

Phone: (416) 929-9614

Website: <http://ysm.on.ca/evergreen.php>

The Evergreen Ministry: An important downtown facility for homeless youth, Evergreen provides refuge from the streets and allows young people an opportunity for self-improvement through various programs and services. The drop-in centre offers hot meals and snacks, referral and advocacy, informal counselling, telephone access and games and recreation. Health care provided includes health promotion and education, foot care clinics, pre and post-natal care, and on-site doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists and ophthalmologists.

The Evergreen job and life skills training offers opportunities in chef, clerical and custodial training, back-to-school correspondence and co-op programs, literacy and computer training, anger management, drug and alcohol awareness groups, student internships, placements and volunteering.

Fred Victor Centre: Women's Hostel

The Women's Hostel is a safe accessible shelter for women, who are homeless, socially isolated, and who have difficulty maintaining housing elsewhere. The women who require emergency shelter may have been recently evicted, unemployed, victims of domestic

violence, have mental health or substance use issues, or be sex trade workers.

Hostel Staff work with the women in a flexible and respectful manner, using a harm reduction approach. They help the women identify and meet their individual needs, link them with appropriate support services, and help them access safe, affordable housing to end their cycle of homelessness.

Hostel phone (416)368-2642

Fred Victor Centre - Main Location 145
Queen Street East
Toronto, ON M5A
1S1
Phone: (416)364-8228

Haven on the Queensway (Etobicoke, ON)

A faith-based organization that provides support for basic needs of individuals in the community. They offer two distinct programs for those experiencing exploitation or human trafficking or are looking to exit the sex trade. Massage parlor outreach to those working in the sex trade, in partnership with Youth Unlimited. Provides women with skills, counselling, and support to exit the sex trade.

For confidential inquiries please call (416) 640-2006
Email: confidential@havenontheq.com

Klinic Community Health Centre (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

A Community Health Centre that offers a wide range of accessible services in health care and counselling and education. Specialized healthcare support for Tran's patients, Trans aware & Tran's friendly services. Clinic offers health services and drop in services such as testing, pap and medical services for teens. Drop in counseling

services are available. The Klinik offers training and support circles. The Klinik runs the Human Trafficking Hotline and can provide specialized services for those affected by human trafficking.

Human Trafficking Hotline/The Line

Has anyone threatened to hurt you, your family or a friend if you refuse to sell sex, or try to leave your job? Does anyone take all or part of the money you earn? Is someone holding your passport or identification cards for you? Have you been forced or tricked into engaging in sexual acts in exchange for money, drugs, alcohol, food, shelter or other necessities? Are you under the age of 18 and is someone pressuring you to sell sex? Has anyone taken sexual photos of you to post online? Do you have a debt to your employer or recruiter that you can't pay off? Are you being paid less than you were promised? Are you prevented from taking adequate breaks, food, and water during the work day? Are you involved in the sex trade and want to make a bad date list report?

You are not alone. Be heard. If you need help, or just want to talk call the Human Trafficking Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our counsellors are available to provide non-judgmental, trauma-informed care and are here to listen, Klinik's Human Trafficking Hotline / The Line (toll-free) 1 (844)333-2211.

This line provides 24/7 support and counselling to trafficked persons, and anyone else affected by trafficking such as service providers, family, friends and co-workers. Information regarding resources and referrals are also offered, as well as a reporting option if you are unable or unwilling to contact the police. Information on human trafficking is also available to the general public. Sex workers can also use the line for making a bad date list report anonymously with a counsellor who after taking the report will offer support that you can accept or decline. If someone is in immediate danger call 911 or your local emergency police number.

Maggie's Toronto Sex Workers Project

Sex workers, Maggie's is here for you. We are not secretly trying to convince you to leave sex work. Our services and philosophies are rooted in meeting your needs and desires with respect.

We offer services to sex workers and to non-sex working agencies and organizations.

Maggie's offers sex workers:

- Regular drop-in Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 2-5 pm
- A weekly Wednesday drop-in LOUNGE (Wednesdays 2-5 pm) for former and current sex workers. As with everything at Maggie's it is led by sex workers
- The monthly "Real Work group" for current and former sex workers, and is coordinated by sex workers

The Indigenous Sex Workers Project & Drumming Group:

- Assistance and advocacy to sex workers who have
- experienced legal, physical, or social harassment or discrimination as a result of their sex work
- Court and social service accompaniment and legal support where possible Community service hours. Maggie's is a registered charity which means you can do your community service hours with us. If you need to do community service for ANY criminal offense and are a current or former sex worker, give us a call.
- A safe place for sex workers to discuss their clients, concerns, safety tips, updates on bad dates, police sweeps and harmful substances/tainted drugs
- Informal counselling and referrals to structured long term counseling appropriate to your needs
- Sex worker-led workshops
- Resource and research centre

- Distribution of safer sex materials and safer drug using materials and education
- A centre for sex worker organizing
- Legal and health information with referrals to other helpful resources

The Maggie's Lounge:

The Maggie's Lounge is a weekly relaxed sex worker space where you can be yourself with other sex workers. It is a social and cultural space for sex workers only. Free manicures, movies, swaps, workshops & fun!

Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto (NWRCT) Trauma Support Program

Traditional Healing Practitioners and Trauma Therapists for Indigenous Women, (Transgendered and Two-Spirited).

Traditional Healing:

As Creators helpers, traditional healing practitioners will provide traditional counselling, healing and wellness with guidance through Ceremonies, Plants (Aromatherapy) Rocks/Crystals (Crystal Healing and Energetic therapies to assist with spiritual growth, grief and loss, and provide teachings and ceremonies).

Trauma Therapists: Trauma therapy can help to reduce symptoms left over from traumatic events, such as upsetting thoughts/memories or dreams, flashbacks, anger and irritability, and difficulty concentrating to name a few. Experiences of trauma can cause individuals to experience ongoing difficulty; trauma therapy can be valuable in helping you to make the changes you want to make.

Queen West Four Winds Program

Queen West is a non-Indigenous organization which has been providing services to Indigenous clients since its opening at the Queen/Bathurst site. Using a harm reduction, trauma informed and empowerment model within Indigenous healing approaches, the program supports homeless and under-housed Indigenous peoples to improve their stability, health, wellbeing and quality of life.

The Four Winds Program is unique for three reasons:

- It is an Indigenous only space in a non-Indigenous organization
- It is specifically designed for the homeless and under-housed Indigenous communities in the neighborhood
- The program integrates a trauma informed and harm reduction approach and enables access to Indigenous healing processes for community members who live with substance use issues by providing the opportunity to participate and reconnect to Traditional Teaching and participate in Elder led Circles.

Four Winds Program (416)703-8482 ext. 2426.

Regent Park Community Health Centre (RPCHC) - Women's Sex Worker Drop In

465 Dundas Street East, Toronto, ON

Thursdays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

(416)203-4506

In partnership with Street Health Community Nursing Foundation, RPCHC provides a weekly harm reduction space for women who engage in sex work and/or struggle with drug use. Services provided during the Thursday program are shower, laundry, harm reduction supplies, health care and food. Also available are workers onsite for "bad date" reports, individual support and information. Staff have experience with sex work and drug use.

Sherbourne Health WINK (Women in Need Klinik)

Description: Like the unique mosaic at our front door, Sherbourne was shaped by our communities. As with our programs and services, when the pieces are put together, the different colours and textures form something inviting, vibrant and relevant to the people we serve. We work closely with our partners and community members. Our primary care and chronic disease management services, health promotion and education, outreach and social supports, and mental health services work together to provide transformative care and support.

Women in Need 'Klinik' (WINK)

Come for a nutritious breakfast, social activities and if you need, on-the-spot care from a nurse or doctor in a friendly space. This is a drop-in program and no appointment is necessary.

333 Sherbourne Street
Toronto, ON M5A 2S5
Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until
11:30 a.m.
Contact: (416)324-4180
www.sherbourne.on.ca

Sistering: A Woman's Place (Drop-In)

962 Bloor Street West
Toronto, ON M6H 1L6
Mondays from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Tuesdays to Sundays
from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Contact: (416)926-9762
Website: www.sistering.org Email:
info@sistering.org

Description:

Sistering is a women's organization that offers practical and emotional support through programs which enable them to take greater control over their lives. Guided by the principles of Anti-Racism/ Anti-Oppression, Sistering works to change social conditions which endanger women's welfare. Sistering was founded early in 1980, when a small group of social service agency representatives, women living in hostels and community residents came together to discuss the needs of homeless and transient women in downtown Toronto. Particularly women's need for a safe and welcoming women's only space during the day, and a space where women could access food, support and information.

Sistering Drop-Ins provide basic services to women who are homeless, under-housed, low income or marginalized and are looking for a safe and welcoming place to go during the day. In a welcoming, non-judgmental environment women can access much-needed supports. Sistering serves a racially, culturally and linguistically diverse population in a positive environment through shared commitment to principles of equity and access. At our Bloor Street Drop-In women can access a full range of services, seven days a week.

Our basic services include:

Hot breakfast and hot lunch, laundry facilities (washer & dryer), showers, daybeds for napping, a mailing address, if needed, local phone, email and ESL Classes.

Streetlight

674 Markham St.
Toronto, ON M6G 2L9
Bathurst St & Bloor St
Tel: (647)627-4471

Streetlight Support Services provides an exit program for individuals wanting to leave the sex trade industry. Website: <http://www.streetlightsupportservices.ca>

The Salvation Army: Florence Booth Shelter

Provides safe, secure short-term accommodation to women who are in a housing crisis.

The services provided at this 60 bed facility are for serving the needs of homeless women 16 years and over in the city of Toronto. The program at the shelter deals with mental health, addiction, abuse, refugee claimant, transient lifestyle, probation, unsafe housing and eviction and financial management. As well emergency clothing can be provided.

The length of stay varies from a few days to two years. The occupants are housed either in the large 47 bed dorm or the smaller 13 bed dorm. In the Dining Room three meals a day are provided as well as snacks. There is also a day lounge for entertainment and conversation which will allow the residents to stay all day.

723 Queen St. West

Toronto, ON

M6J 1E6

Contact: (416)603.9800

Fax: 416.603.8337

Peel HIV/AIDS Network (PHAN): Peel Sex Worker Drop-In

Sherbourne St and Front St E

Office: Mon-Thu 9am-5pm

Fri: 9am-2:30pm

The drop in provides light snacks and refreshments, harm reduction supplies, a clothing exchange once every 8 weeks, hosts a public health nurse once a month for questions and testing and invites community partners 1-2 times a month to provide information on services and workshops on mental health, addictions, budgeting and housing. A calendar of events is posted on PHAN's website as well as on location at PHAN, John Howard Society & Redemption. Currently the Drop-In is hosted at John Howard Society 134 Main

St N Brampton ON. Drop In meets in the boardroom on Mondays between 10am – 12pm.

2 Spirited People of the 1st Nations

Support, referrals, advocacy * HIV/AIDS education and prevention including distribution of male and female condoms, lubricant and Aboriginal resource material * needle exchange and harm reduction materials * same sex domestic violence information and referral * care teams and caregiver training * social events * free Internet access * volunteer opportunities.

Membership required

Call for an appointment or visit website for membership application form

Contact: (416)944-9300 or (416-944-8381)

Email: info@2spirits.com

145 Front St E, Suite 105, Toronto, ON

Walk with Me

Walk With Me is a survivor run organization who offers first response support to victims of human trafficking. They provide 24/7 mobile Victim Care in Toronto & GTA area, as well as up to 3 hours driving directions to any city.

If your matter is not urgent please email:

victimcare@walk-with-me.org subject line: Victim care

Crisis Line: (647)838-6673

Email: info@walk-with-me.org Website:

<http://www.walk-with-me.org/>

Legal Support

Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto (ALST)

Healthy Relationships and Healthy Parenting Practices

Aboriginal Legal Services' Giiwedín Anang Program brought forward the idea of developing a Healthy Relationship and Healthy Families Parenting program to address the issues we have seen with our families, specifically, how to learn how to develop healthy relationships and health parenting practices.

This 10 week session will begin on Monday January 14th, 2019. The program runs from 5pm to 8pm, every Monday and Wednesday evening. This session only has TEN participants, please contact the group facilitator to reserve your space.

Email: Ryan@aboriginallegal.ca

Contact: (416)408-3967 ext. 275.

211 Yonge Street, Suite 500

Toronto ON M5B 1M4

Contact: (416)408-3967 / 1(844)633-2886

Website: <https://www.aboriginallegal.ca/dreams-from-growing-children.html>

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Contact: (416)323-9149 ext. 0 for main reception,
ext. 234 for Central Intake

Email: info@schliferclinic.com

Canada's Criminal Law Responses. 2012. National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada

The *Criminal Code of Canada (Criminal Code)* contains the tools to hold traffickers accountable and includes four specific indictable offences to address human trafficking, namely sections 279.01 (Trafficking in persons), 279.011 (Trafficking of a person under the

age of eighteen years), 279.02 (Material benefit), and 279.03 (Withholding or destroying documents).

Many other *Criminal Code* offences can also apply to human trafficking cases including kidnapping, forcible confinement, uttering threats, extortion, assault, sexual assault, prostitution-related offences, and criminal organization offences.

Section 118 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)* contains a provision that prohibits the bringing into Canada of persons by means of abduction, fraud, deception or use of threat of force or coercion. It carries a maximum penalty of a fine of up to \$1 million and/or up to life imprisonment.

The *Criminal Code* also contains measures designed to make testifying less traumatic for victims and other vulnerable witnesses. Testimonial aids, such as a screen that prevents the witness from seeing the accused, the use of closed-circuit television that permits the witness to testify from outside the courtroom or the presence of support persons may be made available in appropriate circumstances. Other measures that may be available are publication bans on information that would identify a complainant or witness and, in some cases, orders excluding the public from the courtroom.

Retrieved from <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/ntnl-ctn-pln-cmbt/ntnl-ctn-pln-cmbt-eng.pdf>

Canada Border Services Agency (Throughout Canada)

Through the National plan to end Human trafficking, Canada border services will identify victims of cross-border trafficking, can refer them to appropriate services for help and support, and supports the investigations and prosecutions of trafficking perpetrators.

Contact Canada Border Services Agency:

Border Watch

Toll-Free Line at 1(888)502-9060.

Ministry of the Attorney General

The ministry has created a team of specialized lawyers to help survivors and potential victims get a restraining order by providing legal support, including:

- Free, confidential legal advice
- Help completing a restraining order application
- Representation at application hearings in any Ontario Court of Justice.

Parents and guardians of a child survivor or a child at risk of being trafficked will also be eligible for free legal support.

Restraining orders can be in place for up to three years and renewed if necessary. These orders are enforced by the police.

Eligibility

Survivors of all ages can access this service and the trafficking does not need to have happened in Ontario to be eligible. This program is available to all eligible women, men, Trans and gender-diverse people in Ontario.

This restraining order only applies to a trafficker who resides in Ontario.

Survivors or those at-risk of being trafficked do not need to have a criminal case in progress, in order to obtain a restraining order against their trafficker.

Survivors and parents/guardians of those who are at-risk of being trafficked can speak with a trained advisor, using Ontario's dedicated confidential Human Trafficking Helpline.

Those who are interested in free legal advice to get a human trafficking restraining order will be referred to a lawyer Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm

Human Trafficking Helpline: 1(833)999-9211

TTY – 1(888)340-1001

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

The RCMP has established a Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre (HTNCC) at RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa. The Centre provides a focal point for law enforcement in their efforts to combat and disrupt individuals and criminal organizations involved in Human Trafficking activities.

The HTNCC has five priorities:

1. Develop tools, protocols and guidelines to facilitate Human Trafficking investigations.
2. Coordinate national awareness/training and anti-trafficking initiatives.
3. Identify and maintain lines of communication, identify issues for integrated coordination and provide support
4. Develop and maintain international partnerships and coordinate international initiatives.
5. Coordinate intelligence and facilitate the dissemination of all sources of information/ intelligence.

Reporting Human Trafficking

To report a case or suspicion of human trafficking, contact the National Hotline: 1-833-900-1010

This multi-lingual and confidential hotline is operational 24/7, 365 days a year. It offers services in more than 200 languages and is accessible to the deaf, hard-of-hearing and non-verbal publics.

The website for the Hotline can be used by the public for:

Submitting a tip

A national directory of social services

Education and outreach materials

Statistics and research reports

Find an RCMP detachment here.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en>

If you wish to report a crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

When should you call?

You should contact the hotline if you or someone you know may be a victim of human trafficking. The Hotline Response Advocates will also take tips, questions and hear concerns from the public and forward information, when appropriate, to law enforcement

Toronto Police Service: Sex Crimes Unit

Child Exploitation Section:

Identifies and rescues victims of online child sex abuse and exploitation, as well as investigates and prosecutes child abusers who may be in possession of images of child sex abuse, child pornography, luring, and other online sexual offences against children. This unit also works with community to educate.

To report a child exploitation offence in Toronto call (416)808-2222 Or the Child Exploitation Section can be reached directly by calling (416)808-8500, or by Email:ChildExploitation@torontopolice.on.ca

Human Trafficking Enforcement Team:

Conducts investigations where sex trafficking or labor trafficking is alleged or suspected. Also investigate cases where children under the age of 16 are suspected or alleged to have been victims of trafficking; and will place the youth in a secure and safe location. The unit conducts arrests and provides victims services support to the victims and finally, conducts entire arrest and prosecution of the sex/ labor trafficker.

To report a case of sex or labor trafficking of an adult, youth or child contact (416)808-2222. Or the Human Trafficking Enforcement Team can be reached directly by calling (416)808-8385.

Victim/Witness Assistance Program

If you are a victim or witness of a violent crime, it is likely that you will need to go to court. This can be a difficult and confusing experience. You may have a lot of questions about the criminal court system, and what will be expected of you.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program is here to help. We will talk to you and provide assistance based on your specific case and needs.

Our services begin once police have laid charges and will continue until the court case is over.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program can:

- Answer your questions about the criminal justice system, courtroom procedures and your role in court
- Help you understand what to expect at each court date, and help you prepare for your appearance in court
- Provide you with copies of court papers, such as bail conditions and probation orders
- Contact the Crown attorney or the police officer in charge of your case on your behalf
- Offer ongoing emotional support throughout the court process
- Refer you to community agencies for other services you may need, such as counselling and safety planning
- Arrange for language interpreters in domestic violence cases and/or accommodate any special needs
- Help you understand and complete a Victim Impact Statement.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program is offered by the Ministry of the Attorney General in all 54 court districts. To find the office nearest you, call the

Victim Support Line

Contact: Toll free 1(888)579-2888

Contact: (416)314-2447 for Greater Toronto Area

Website: www.ontario.ca/victimservices

Wrap Around Support

Aurora House

Aurora House strives to provide shelter, long-term trauma counselling, basic needs and essential support services to women who have been trafficked or exploited in Canada. Referral emails can be sent to refer@aurorahouse.ca, phone us at 1(877)935-8656

Breaking Free (St. Paul, Minnesota) Women's Program

Breaking Free is located in St. Paul Minnesota and supports women to exit prostitution and sexual exploitation with advocacy, court support, direct services, housing and education.

Call the Breaking Free program at (651)645-6557 to schedule an intake, or to speak to someone for information and support.

*Must call for intake to obtain address.

Covenant House/The Rogers Home

The Rogers Home is a specialized transitional housing program for young, female victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. It is the first in the city, offering the most services of any similar, youth-focused program in Canada.

Six young women, aged 16 to 24, may live in The Rogers Home for two years and have access to wraparound support services at Covenant House's main location and through a network of community partners.

The program is open to young women currently using other Covenant House programs, as well as female youth who have been referred by other agencies. The program is for young women who have demonstrated a readiness to move towards independence.

20 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5B 2P3
1(800)435-7308

Phone: (416)598-4898

If you are a youth in need of shelter, contact (416)593-4849 or 1(800)435-7308 (Open 24/7)

If you are a youth who is being sexually exploited or trafficked, or a concerned parent, email endht@covenanthouse.ca or call TPS HTET 24/7 hotline (416) 808-2222.

Deborah's Gate- Salvation Army (British Columbia but provides services Canada wide)

The BC Salvation Army provides supports for survivors of human trafficking 18 years old and up and are connected with government, law enforcement and non-profits from across Canada. They may consider supporting youth under the age of 18 in consultation with BC ministry of child and family services.

Offering both outreach and residential support like safe houses as well as services and supports including but not limited to personal goal development & 24 hour staff support, counselling, cooking classes, nutritious meals, art therapy, gardening, yoga, ESL tutoring, tattoo branding removal, transportation, court support and accompaniment, life skills development, monthly group activities, and multi-faith chaplaincy, along with established partnerships in the community for survivors to access medical, mental, optical, and dental health care, pro-bono legal services, school and educational upgrading, culinary programming, and employment opportunities.

Contact: (604)915-5678

Contact: Toll-free 1(855)332-4283

Email: info@deborahsgate.ca

Exit Doors Here Program Elizabeth Fry Toronto

The primary goal of Exit Doors is to provide a personalized suite of wraparound services and time-based interventions that build capacity and opportunities for women wishing to exit the sex trade industry. The program welcomes all female-identifying individuals at any stage of their sex work, and whether their work was voluntary or involuntary.

Through Critical Time Intervention (CTI), Exit Doors Here team will be providing emotional and practical support during critical times of transition and strengthens women's long term ties to services, family, friends and the community. The team comprised of trained and motivated outreach and housing counsellors, CTI case workers, peers, and a supervisor will be working with clients from a trauma informed and harm reduction approach.

Admission Criteria

To be eligible for Exit Doors Here, a client must meet the following criteria:

1. Female-identifying individuals 18 years & over at any stage of their sex work, and whether their work was voluntary or involuntary
2. Want to leave sex work and need assistance
3. Reside within GTA
4. Is experiencing at least two of the following:
 - a. Has been, or is at risk of being, in conflict with the law
 - b. Lack of positive social support/natural supports network
 - c. Substance use with negative impact
 - d. Unemployment/underemployment/lack of employment skills
 - e. Lack of basic life skills
 - f. Lack of personal safety at the hands of an abuser
 - g. At risk of homelessness or is homeless

What is Critical Time Intervention (CTI)?

CTI is a time-limited evidence-based practice that mobilizes support for some of the most vulnerable individuals during periods of transition. It facilitates community integration and continuity of care by ensuring that a person has enduring ties to their community and

support systems during these critical periods. Services only last 9 months and are divided into 3 specific phases. CTI focuses on just few important areas of treatment that promote a successful move out of a life of sex work.

3 Phases of CTI

Phase I: Transition to Community

Months 1-3

- A CTI case worker assesses client's long-term support system
- Client and the CTI case worker develop a treatment plan together
- The agency provides client with supports and direct services as they need them

Phase II: "Try Out" Phase

Months 4 -6

- Links clients to any community services they need such as housing, employment, medical, etc.
- CTI case worker adjusts the systems of support for the client and
- Monitors the effectiveness of the supports set up and intervening when necessary • Client will meet with their CTI case worker less frequently than they did in Phase 1.

Phase III: Transfer of care

Months 7-9

- Least intense phase, even fewer meetings of client with CTI case worker
- Keep track of and strengthen formal and informal supports that have been established
- Finalize supports for the long – term
- CTI case worker makes sure these supports can communicate with each other about the client to help her meet established goals.

Referrals:

To learn more about the Exit Doors Here program or sign up for CTI, contact the team:

Phone: (416)924-3708 ext. 257

Fax: (416)504-4845

Website: exitdoors@efrytoronto.org

Hope- 360 Kids

HOPE Program provides transitional housing and wrap-around services for female survivors of human trafficking aged 16-26 in York Region. Our services support the survivors by providing a safe nurturing environment, counselling, medical attention, and self-esteem building tools to promote a healthy transition into independent living. There are 6 beds available where clients can stay for up to 1 year, as well as counseling, and housing and employment through 360 kids.

For more information about the HOPE program and/or to make a referral, please contact 1(905)475-6694

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata (Winnipeg, MB)

Established in 1984, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata is a Grandmother in the Winnipeg family of community service-providers with over 30 years of experience working with Indigenous families. We are community people helping other community people reclaim our Indigenous people's inherent roles and responsibilities as caregivers and the most important teachers of our children.

The name Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata translates from Ojibway into the phrase, "we all work together to help one another."

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre is a strength and value-based family resource centre delivering community-based programs and services within the philosophy embodied in our name. Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre believes in accountability, transparency and effective use of resources. Today, through initiatives aimed directly at supporting families, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre delivers community based programs and services within the philosophy that is embodied in our name. For us, this means working together with our families, our partners, funders and governments to create community based solutions that build local capacity for self-care.

Contact: (204)925-0300

Email: info@mamawi.com Website:

<http://www.mamawi.com/>

Minwaashin Lodge (Ottawa, ON)

The lodge provides a range of services to First Nations, Inuit and Metis women and children (regardless of status) who are survivors of violence. The lodge has some capacity on a case by case basis to support women who are fleeing exploitation or human trafficking.

Services include:

Adult and Child counseling, culture programs, employment, and transitional housing and support.

For intake contact:

100 - 1155 Lola St.

Ottawa, ON

K1K 4C1

Toll Free: 1-855-789-9433

Telephone: 613-741-5590 ext. 221

(For general information)

New Day Residential Treatment/ Shelter (Ottawa, ON)

Serving clients Ontario wide, this four bed residential treatment facility supports survivors of human trafficking from ages 16-26 years old.

To contact, either call, Facebook message, email or visit the website:

Phone: (613)747.2223

Email: wgee.anewday@gmail.com

Website: <http://anewdayyas.com/>

Oshki Kizis/ Shelter

Oshki Kizis Lodge is operated by Minwaashin Lodge - Indigenous Women's Support Centre. They are a 21-bed shelter for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis women & children who are fleeing abuse.

By empowering women, they assist them on their healing path to a safe & healthy place. They support the family unit holistically by showing awareness and respect for individual and cultural beliefs, spirituality and diversity.

Provides a myriad of cultural supports for residents including:

- Support
- Advocacy
- Counselling
- Referrals
- Court accompaniment
- Traditional teachings
- Elders
- Crafts
- Community support
- Transitional support
- Educational services
- Crisis intervention
- Child & youth advocacy
- 24-hour residential support
- Hospital visits

Call crisis line at (613)789-1141 to access Oshki Kizis shelter.

Location: 100-1155 Lola Street, Ottawa, ON K1K 4C1

Tel: (613) 741-5590 Fax: (613) 748-8311

Paths of Courage: Healing and Retreat Centre

Counselling and Advocacy for Victims of Sexual Assault since 1991. Confidential, non-judgmental support for survivors of sexual violence.

The Sexual Assault Centre for Quinte & District was founded in 1991. It recognizes that sexual violence is primarily directed towards women and children and is anchored in the social, cultural and economic disparities of our society. It seeks to eradicate this imbalance through education, counselling and social change.

The Paths of Courage Residential Healing Program, for residents of Ontario – learn more:

336 Sprague Road

Demorestville, ON, K0K 1W0

Contact: (613)476.7000

Website: <https://www.pathsofcourage.com/>

Storm

Street outreach mobile services team supporting women involved in the sex trade. The program can assist women who require emergency medical, safety and shelter needs. Location: Ottawa.

Wed, Thurs, Fri: 5:00 pm to midnight

Sat, Sunday, & Monday - 4:00pm to 10:00pm

For more information on our program and services or to speak to a team member, please contact: storm@minlodge.com or call (613)265-7558 Tuesday – Friday

(613)261-4491 Saturday – Monday

Safe Hope Home (Ajax, ON)

Provides long-term recovery programs designed to guide sexually exploited or trafficked women and youth, or those at identifiable risk of becoming sexually exploited/trafficked, into full rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

Frontline Housing:

This program supports women who are just exiting the sex trade, exploitation or human trafficking and provides supportive housing and basic living skills.

The individual receives their own room and can come and go as they please, in the boundaries of the house rules. Anyone in front-line housing is required to attend the Learning Centre program, a full-time program Monday to Friday from 10am -4pm. The learning program focuses on topics such as healthy lifestyle, coping, education, life skills, addiction and substance misuse, emotional regulation, and employability.

Second Stage Housing:

The objective of this level of housing is to increase participants' responsibility and freedom within a monitored environment while they apply to participate in the Employability Skills Development Program. There is a Housing Support Worker on site, whose job is to ensure the overall safety and security of the home and to offer problem-solving assistance as needed. Participants at this level no longer require a curfew or approved overnights, as they are now capable of self-regulation. Their responsibility will increase in that they will organize and facilitate their own house meetings for problem solving and chore rotation, and they will each take turns managing the monthly housing budget to purchase house supplies.

Independent Living:

The objective of the Independent Housing structure participants is to move into an apartment in the community at large once they have reached all the markers to ensure a successful transition to independent living.

Participants must apply for a training position in the Employability Skills Development programming while in this level of housing if they wish to receive continued support from the organization.

The markers that indicate a participant is ready for independent living include the following:

Level one –Job Shadowing six hours per day, four days per week (approximately two months).

Level two –Job Training and Employment Readiness Part two Training, six hours per day, five days per week. (Approximately three-eight months)

Level Three –Integration Program preparing for outside employment (approximately two months).

FOLLOW-UP CARE

The Follow care program is provided to all participants who have graduated from the program and provides the follow-up and care they need to be successful in the community at large.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS - EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Once participants have graduated from Phases one and two of the program, they may choose to apply to the organization's Leadership Program.

The 519

Provides services specific to the LGBTQ2S community, with specialized counselling and drop in services that can accommodate those who are at risk or currently experiencing exploitation and human trafficking.

Location: 519 Church St, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C9

Drop in Services:

Sunday Drop-In meets on Sundays from 10:30am to 1:00pm at The 519 and offers a range of services from counseling, harm reduction and housing support; for any LGBTQ2S person who is experiencing poverty and is under-housed.

PAID I.D. Clinic:

The ID Clinic happens on the second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of every month from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. The PAID program works to help individuals who do not have a permanent address to obtain their identification.

Trauma Informed Counseling:

Provides quality, trauma informed counseling for LGBTQ2S folks free of charge after an initial needs interview.

To request counseling services; please call (416)392-6878 ext. 4000 and leave a message. You will be contacted within 3-5 days to be set up for an intake.

For immediate counseling options for LGBTQ2S individuals:

Contact: (416)929-5200 (The Gerstein Crisis Centre)

Contact: 1(877)330-6366 (The Trans Lifeline)

Stepping Out:

Providing mentorship and alternatives to individuals who are involved or have been involved in sexual exploitation and human

trafficking.

For confidential inquiries:

Contact: (416)640-2006

Email: confidential@havenontheq.com

The Jean Tweed Centre

Established in 1983 and named after Jean Shannon Tweed – a woman who saw the need for a safe and supportive environment for women to address their substance use issues. Jean Tweed was a pioneer in advancing the cause of women-specific programming. The Centre was named in her honor.

Since its founding, the Centre has evolved and grown to become a leading community-based substance abuse, mental health and problem gambling agency for women in Ontario. The Centre offers a wide range of services including residential and day programming, out-patient programming including family and trauma counseling, individualized counselling and continuing care. Outreach services are available for pregnant and parenting women as well as women who have concurrent mental health and substance use problems and involvement in the criminal justice system. In keeping with our focus on women, parenting and children, the Centre also offers a fully licensed therapeutic child development centre on site.

215 Evans Avenue, Toronto, ON, M8Z 1J5

Contact: (416)255-7359

Email: INFO@JEANTWEED.COM

Wish Drop-In Centre Society (Vancouver, BC)

The Aboriginal Health & Safety Project (AHSP) is a culturally-relevant response to the many Indigenous women who use WISH.

Its purpose is to help Aboriginal women who are involved in the sex trade reclaim their culture, connect to each other, participate

in hands on cultural crafts and activities, learn new skills and experience sisterhood. If you are an Indigenous woman with current or past involvement in the sex trade and would like to know more about this program, please call (778)892-4234.

It is comprised of three streams of programming:

1 – Aboriginal Evenings

Evening activities such as drumming, beading and dream-catcher making are offered once per week at the WISH Drop-In Centre. These are low-barrier and open to all WISH participants. Non-Indigenous women are welcome to come and learn from their Aboriginal sisters, and Aboriginal women are encouraged to participate and to learn about all the programs and services available to Indigenous women at WISH.

2 – Individualized Support

The AHSP Coordinator, who is an Indigenous woman, offers culturally-safe support for Aboriginal participants. She builds trust with Indigenous women who have experienced trauma related to colonization and the residential school experience, in addition to the violence they face on the streets. She has 'office hours' in the WISH Drop-In Centre twice a week and makes appointments with women outside these times as well. Her services include help with housing, navigating the court system and filling out forms for ID. She assists Indigenous women who need to return to their home communities to be reunited with family and works with the VPD Sex Trade Liaison to help women fleeing violent intimate partners.

3 – Aboriginal Culture & Creativity Program

In this daytime program, a core group of 8-10 women meet twice weekly and engage in hands-on traditional art activities, learn cultural practices and participate in health and wellness themed work- shops. Women in this program also go on culturally-relevant outings to places like the Vancouver Public Library, the Museum of Anthropology and K'la-How-Ya Village. Once a month, women in the group participate in street outreach with the AHSP Program Coordinator. They assemble and distribute goody bags to their sisters on the streets, and encourage them to learn more about the AHSP program.

There are 2 six-month cycles of this program per year and a graduation ceremony is held for each cycle. Though these streams designed to function as a continuum, women can participate as many streams as they like, and can jump in wherever they feel ready to participate.

Address: 334 Alexander Street

Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6A 1C3

Contact: 604-669-WISH (9474)

Fax: 604-669-9479

Email: info@wishdropincentre.org

Contact: (604)681-9244 (Drop-In Centre)

Website: <http://wish-vancouver.net/programs-and-services/aboriginal-culture-and-creativity-program/>

