



YJO'S 1ST VIRTUAL AGM – SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

YJO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @10:00 AM E.T.



A Zoom Invite will be sent to each member organization for YJO's Annual General Meeting. Every Zone will meet in September prior to the AGM so you can contribute your ideas to the 2020/2021 workplan! Stay tuned for the date of your zone meeting. If you cannot participate please assign a proxy so we achieve quorum. Spring/Summer Meetings coming soon



Pandemic Pay

In April and May YJO spent significant time advocating for pandemic pay to be fairly provided to YJO youth justice services residential facilities. Letters were sent to Minister Smith and Premier Ford to ask that increased earnings by way of temporary "Pandemic Pay" was directed to all frontline team members. It was reiterated that the necessary financial support should include not only Government's frontline supervisors but those in the Transfer Payment Sector as well.



NEW LANGUAGE WHICH HAS BECOME DAILY CONVERSATION SINCE MARCH

- UNPRECEDENTED
- UNCHARTERED
- FLATTEN THE CURVE
- SOCIAL DISTANCING
- PHYSICAL DISTANCING

YJO recognizes our own frontline member heroes who have been faced with new challenges to serving young persons and adapted their services to meet the needs.



YJO WELCOMES



Youth Justice Ontario welcomes, **Youturn Youth Support Services** as the newest member to our association!

Youturn provides services in English and French to high-risk youth aged 12 to 24 and their families. They serve the four geographic regions of Eastern Ontario – Ottawa; Renfrew County; Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG); and Prescott-Russell.

Youturn services include: Community Support Team, Youth in Transition Worker Program, Gang Prevention/Intervention, Intensive Support & Supervision Team, Anti-human Trafficking and Education Programs.

The Community Support Team (CST) program is a community-based alternative for young persons in conflict with the law. The young people served by the CST were between 12 and 17 at the time the offence was committed, and are on probation—referred and supervised by a Youth Probation Officer.



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Youth in Transition Worker Program

The goal of the Youth in Transition Worker program is to support youth in their successful transition out of the child welfare system into adulthood. Services are provided to youth in both community based and drop-in settings. The worker provides flexible service hours which include after hours emergency support for youth in service.

Gang Prevention/Intervention

On Point Program provides targeted services to young people between the ages of 12-21 who are at high risk of involvement in gang activity.



Intensive Support & Supervision Team

The Intensive Support and Supervision Program (ISSP) is a clinically focused, community-based program. It is designed to provide an alternative to custody for young persons who are found guilty of a criminal offence and who are diagnosed with a mental health disorder(s) or Dual diagnosis.

Anti-human Trafficking

The Next Chapter Program focussed on the unique needs of each participant and provides intensive community-based support linking youth with health and mental health care, addictions treatment, education programs, residential support, financial assistance and employment.

Education Programs

John Bosco Achievement Centre (JBAC) is a voluntary educational program for youth who have been involved or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system, and/or homeless, and who are working towards high school credits and/or employment skills.

Some of the youturn team



Youth Justice Ontario Members at Work!



So many of the YJO members have adapted their programs to meet the challenges presented by Covid-19.

St. Leonard's Attendance Centre Program recognizes the difficulties youth and their families are facing, particularly in accessing food due to financial, transportation or social isolation challenges. Each week the Attendance Centre Program provides two hot meal bags and a cold meal bag to youth who have identified a need.



Welcome Melanie Bania to the Youth Justice Ontario Board!

Melanie is the Director of Youth Justice Services at Youth Services Bureau. She was elected to represent Zone 2 as Diane Irwin retires. She comes with a PhD in criminology and experience in consulting, research and group facilitation.



Updates:

- **Name Change** – Kennedy House Youth Services Inc. is now **Kennedy House** to better reflect the larger scope of clients served. Visit their website.
- A recent article on **Peacebuilders** who continue court support, intakes, and the provision of legal information during COVID-19.

<https://www.toronto.com/opinion-story/9970339-toronto-program-helps-youth-in-conflict-with-the-law-get-second-chance/>

(Please send pictures, links or member updates for the upcoming newsletter to yjo.executivecoordinator@rogers.com.)

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MEMBER AGENCIES 2019/2020

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Associated Youth Services of Peel
Banyan Community Services
Boys and Girls Club Kawartha Lakes
Boys and Girls Club Ottawa
Canadian Mental Health Association (Sudbury/Manitoulin Branch)
Community Justice Alternatives - Durham
Crisis Centre North Bay
Dalhousie Youth Support Services
Dawn Patrol Child & Youth Services
Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel
Ferne Youth Services
Griffin Centre
John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton
John Howard Society of Peterborough
John Howard Society of Sarnia & Lambton
Kairos Community Resource Centre
Kennedy House
Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services
Kinark Child and Family Services
Lutherwood
Mee-Quam Youth Residence
Murray McKinnon Foundation
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
Near North Youth Centre
New Path Youth & Family Services
North Eastern Ontario FACS
Northern Youth Services Inc.
Phoenix Centre For Children & Families
Pine Hill Youth Residences Ltd.
Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents
Ray of Hope Inc.
Rebound Child and Youth Services
Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent
RNJ Youth Services
Salvation Army (London)
Sarnia-Lambton Rebound
Simcoe Muskoka Connexions
Springboard
St. Lawrence Youth Association
St. Leonard's Community Services (London)
St. Leonard's Community Support, Prevention and Residential Services
Turning Point Youth Services
WJS Canada
Wendigo Lake (Project DARE)
William W. Creighton Youth Services
Youth Diversion Program (Kingston)
Youth Now Canada
Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa
Youturn Youth Support Services