

Program Manager

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The John Howard Society Mission Statement

The Society works for effective and humane criminal justice through reform, advocacy, direct service and public education in order to promote a safe and peaceful community.

Outreach Vision Statement

We believe that all persons have the potential to live happy, safe and productive lives.

We promote this belief by:

- ensuring that our clients know they are important as individuals and are valuable members of our society
- helping our clients understand as best as they can that they are adults who are responsible for their own lives and are accountable for their own actions
- supporting our clients so that they are able to actively respect themselves and as a result, respect others around them
- teaching skills that will help clients make positive choices and go on in life to live as independently as they can
- helping our clients become or continue to be a part of their community

"Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."

-Hans Christian Anderson



Developing Life Skills

Clients

This service is available for developmentally disabled and mentally challenged adults referred by Community Living British Columbia (CLBC).

Purpose

The Outreach Program provides collaborative one-on-one life skills support to developmentally disabled and mentally challenged adults referred by CLBC whom are living in a community setting of their own (ie.apartment, low-cost housing, hotels).

Goals

- Enhance and support quality of life for clients.
- Promote independence by providing life skills training through individualized care plans developed by the client and Outreach worker.
- For clients served to experience increased inclusion in the community, neighbourhood and age affiliated activities.
- Provide clients who are at risk for homelessness with stable, affordable housing.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Outreach services, clients must:

- be referred from CLBC
- have an IQ between 50-70
- be at least 19 years of age
- need assistance in learning life skills

We are able to accommodate clients who are involved in or at risk of involvement with the criminal justice system.

Acceptance

The Program Manager of Outreach/Vancouver Apartments confirms eligibility and acceptance in collaboration with CLBC.

The decision for acceptance into the program is based on relative need. Clients most in need of services are given first priority.

We are unable to accommodate the following:

- physically disabled persons that cannot safely transport themselves up and down stairs
- persons who are refusing treatment for mental health issues
- persons participating in significant and untreated substance abuse

Life Skills Support

Clients may receive support in the following areas (but are not limited to):

Meal Planning and Cooking

Developing healthy menus and grocery lists, purchasing groceries, and cooking simple meals.

Budgeting and Money Management

Help with budgeting to pay for bills, save money and open a bank account.

Housekeeping

Performing household chores and using cleaning products.

Personal Care

Creating a hygiene checklist, purchasing supplies, cost comparing and recognizing when supplies are needed.

Appointments

Accompaniment to appointments if needed, depending on scheduling.

Using Public Transit

Help with the public transit system as needed. Clients are eligible to receive a yearly bus pass for \$45.00 per year.