

Sherbourne Health Center

Supporting Our Youth Program (SOY)

333 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, ON M5A 2S5
Ph: 416-324-5091

Engaging and supporting queer and trans youth in transitioning toward adulthood, and connecting with supportive queer and trans communities.

Turning Point Youth Services

95 Wellesley Street East, Toronto, ON
Ph: 416-925-9250

Specializing in working with youth with identified addictions, mental health concerns or in need of housing.

NEW Expansion to the Youth-in-Transition Worker (YITW) program.

Three Toronto Agencies have hired the new positions of Housing Support Worker (HSW). Housing support Workers will support the new cohort of 16-17 year olds who are eligible to receive child protection services following amendments to the Child and Family Services Act (CFSa) that raised the age of protection from 16 to 18 on January 1, 2018. HSWs will provide youth with services and supports that they need to find and retain housing (e.g. financial literacy, life skills management, employment)

Eligibility: Youth between the ages of 16-17 seeking a voluntary agreement with CAS, and in need of support around safety, housing, employment etc.

Toronto Partner agencies:

Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth

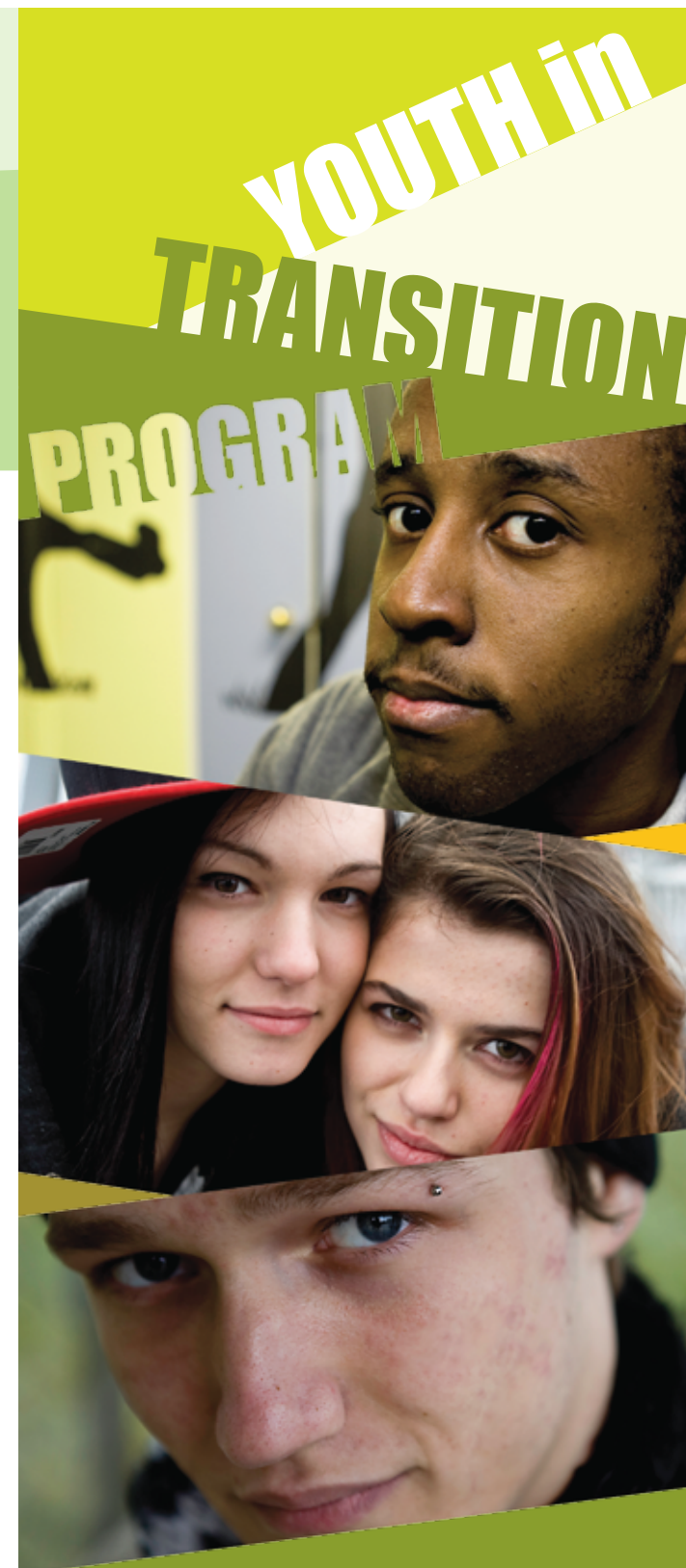
60 Brant Street, Toronto, ON, M5V 3G9
Ph: 437-223-1072

Covenant House

20 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, ON M5B 2P3
Ph: 416-598-4898

LOFT Community Services

Transitional Age Youth Referrals can be directed to:
Christopher Bourke
721 Bloor St. W suite 303, Toronto ON M6G 1L5
Ph: 416-433-8514 | Fax: 416-538-0808
Email: cbourke@loftcs.org | www.loftcs.org



In Toronto, 6 agencies have hired 10 Youth In Transition Workers (YIT Worker) to assist youth in their successful transition from the child welfare system into adulthood.

The program expanded to include one Anti-Trafficking YIT worker hired to support survivors or those at risk of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

The YIT Worker will provide outreach referral-based services to youth transitioning from CAS care. Service is voluntary, short term and goal focussed, building on and reinforcing the strength and skills of each youth.

Intervention is youth driven and determined by the needs and goals of the youth. Service is to be flexible, but not case management in nature.

Eligibility Criteria:

Youth are eligible for service from a Youth In Transition Worker if the youth is age 16 to 24 and was:

A Crown Ward, or in a formal customary care arrangement immediately prior to the youth's 18th birthday, or eligible for support under Continued Care And Support for Youth (CCSY).

A crown ward and then placed in the legal custody of a caregiver through a court order, and this arrangement continued until immediately prior to the youth's 18th birthday.



Referrals will be received from: youth directly, Children's Aid Societies, youth serving agencies, other YIT Workers, or any other source provided the youth meets the eligibility criteria.

Referrals can be made to the:
Pape Adolescent Resource Center
469 Pape Avenue, Toronto ON M4K 3P9
Ph: **416-462-1010**

The YIT Worker will facilitate access for youth leaving care to existing supports and services in the community. Some of the resources and supports may include:

- Housing supports;
- Education resources;
- Employment services and training;
- Life Skills training (e.g. financial management, household management);
- Health and mental health services; and
- Legal services
- Developing and maintaining relationships with caring adults in the community who can help them as they transition to adulthood.

Partner Agencies

The 6 partner agencies in Toronto offer all of the above services and have specialization in the following areas. These include:

Covenant House

20 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, ON M5B 2P3

Ph: 416-598-4898

If you are a youth in need of shelter, call 416-593-4849 or 1-800-435-7308. Open 24 hours

Providing specialized support to homeless and marginalized youth who are transitioning to adulthood.

East Metro Youth Services

1200 Markham Rd., Suite 200, Scarborough, ON M1H 3C3 Ph: 416-438-3697 ext 368

Focusing on engaging youth with mental health and addiction concerns. Services in French are offered by a designated bilingual worker.

Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

30 College St. Toronto, ON M5G 1K2

Ph: 416-969-8510

Supporting aboriginal youth for a successful transition out of care into adulthood through services relevant to their specific and cultural needs.

Springboard

311 Jarvis Youth Court, Toronto, ON M5B 2C4

Ph: 416-200-3924

Supporting youth as they take steps toward living independently & as they make their way through the Youth Justice System.

