

# Intensive Support Program

for Young Persons



The Department of Public Safety believes that considerable emphasis should be placed on enhancing the delivery community based programs and services. The vision of the Department emphasizes the shift that has happened towards implementing effective community based initiatives, which encourage rehabilitation for low risk offenders.

With further development of risk assessment procedures and availability of more community based programs, it is anticipated that there will be less dependency on traditional measures such as open and secure custody.

## Program description

When youth are sent to custody, it is sometimes difficult to address the contributing factors of the youth's criminal behavior. Incarceration does not allow time and resources to be spent on tackling the significant, and often complicated, problems directly affecting youth and family dynamics. For this reason, greater emphasis is being placed on community interventions, which target the youth and treatment within the youth's natural environment.

The strength of the program depends on the support and direction of the facilitation team, innovative assessment and intervention techniques, and the delivery of high quality intensive services focusing on youth and their families.

## Purpose of the Intensive Support Program

The program aims to:

- divert youth from entering the custodial system and support youth released from custody
- increase youth and family participation in pro-social activity
- improve physical health and psychological wellness
- enhance the youth and the family's awareness of resources while providing access to resources required for effective parenting
- improve family, social and economic functioning
- ensure public safety through the active involvement of young persons in pro-social community based activities
- improve the youth's educational, vocational social functions and interactive skills.

## Specific target group

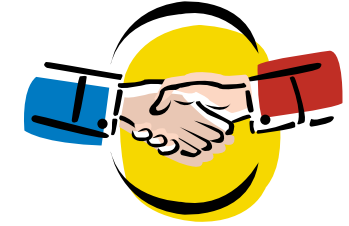
- Youth aged 12 to 18 years
- Youth who would likely receive a custodial disposition upon sentencing
- Youth assessed via needs/risk assessment as high risk to re-offend
- Youth referred through Youth Court and placed on a Supervised Probation Order or Conditional Supervision Order
- Youth and family that are motivated to participate in the program

## ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Objective needs/risk assessment will be the primary assessment tool (Level of Service Inventory); complimentary tools such as the Risk of Custody Scale and Family Involvement Scale may be used.

## SERVICE DELIVERY

Financial resources are provided to contract for these programs and services through qualified youth and family oriented non-profit organizations. Intervention plans will be initiated for services such as educational tutoring, family nurturing and preservation programming, anger management, employment and life skills programming, leisure/recreation, and with enhanced monitoring and supervision of youth activities being employed.



## Program locations

Saint John, 658-2495  
Moncton, 856-2313  
Campbelton / Dalhousie, 789-2339  
Edmundston, 735-2030  
Fredericton, 453-2367  
Miramichi, 627-4060  
Acadian Peninsula, 336-3060  
Bathurst, 547-2159