



Boys & Girls Club
Services of Greater Victoria

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT KIDS...



CARE HOME PROGRAM YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

You can support Boys & Girls Clubs, one youth at a time! We are seeking to contract several new Care Homes. Our Care Families provide a safe and supportive place for teens to come home to.

Can you provide supportive, nurturing, housing solution for a youth in need, aged 13 to 19, for a period of 3 to 6 months? Becoming a Care Home and working with a team dedicated to supporting youth is an excellent way to create extra income while helping a youth transition to the next stage in their lives. A Youth Support Worker assists the youth and there is 24 hour support. You will receive a monthly retainer and a daily wage (tax free) while a youth is placed in your home.

Short term placements • Support worker available • Variety of needs • 24 hour emergency support

For more information: Call 250.384.9133 ext 227 or email turnabout@bgvic.org

Youth are part of our community and every youth needs adults in their lives to talk to, depend on and who can provide opportunities for learning and positive experiences. Kids that are hurting need homes that are safe and nurturing environments. We all need the sense of a safety net, someone to believe in us in order to make changes. Our Care Homes have provided that safety net for thousands of youth in our community. They made a difference. You can too.

Boys & Girls Club Services are looking for people in the community who will open their home to a youth who is in need of some stability and support in getting their life back on track. Currently, the Care Home Program has 30 families in the community providing youth 13 to 19 and with a variety of needs a safe supportive place to live for a period of 3 to 12 months.

Care Homes are provided with:

- Financial compensation of a tax free retainer and per diem fees
- 24 hour emergency support
- A Youth Support Worker to work with the youth
- Ongoing supervision & support through the Care Home Supervisor
- A team of professionals committed to the well being of youth.
- Mandatory & On going training to enhance their skills

Care Homes provide:

- A safe supportive, warm and inviting, non-judgmental place for a youth to live
- Positive adult role models
- Opportunities for youth to practice social skills
- Opportunities for youth to learn life skills
- Meals and necessities necessary to their well being
- An inviting room – must have a window
- Recreational Opportunities, allowance, bus pass & minimal clothing
- Transportation support as needed
- Ongoing communication with the program and a willingness to work with a team in providing best practice and service to a youth.
- Respite to stay in your home should you not be available for a youth to be at home.

Care Home Requirements:

- A clean Criminal Records Check
- Maintain an Insurance Policy for your home
- A knowledge of adolescent related issues and development
- An ability to recognize stress and demonstrate self-care
- Willingness to work with a team
- Communication skills – the ability to respond to calls in a timely manner and pass on relevant information to the Youth Support Worker
- Ability to be open to feedback, constructive criticism & direction
- Attend regular training, both mandatory and ongoing, as provided by the program
- To be available for a youth to return home after their school or day program
- An ability to provide respite in their home should they not be available for a youth to remain at home

Our Care Homes are the foundation of the youth's support team that assists youth while they endeavour to make changes in their life. We ask Care Homes to provide a youth a safe, non-judgmental, nurturing place to come home to.

You may not be able to be a Care Home but you can still help by telling others about the program and have them call me at the numbers listed.

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CARE HOME DESCRIPTIONS

CONNECTIONS Care Homes provides short-term residential care for youth during the period they are awaiting judicial process. Placement of a youth may last a few days or a few months. Monitoring the youth's movements and activities is an important aspect of CONNECTIONS. A Connection's staff (Community Bail Supervisor) works in the community for twenty-four hour support and another staff works in the court Monday to Friday.

TURNABOUT Care Homes provides residential care during the youth's probationary period. A youth may reside in a Care Family home for three to nine months. The family assumes more responsibilities for the supervision and planning in TURNABOUT. A Youth and Family Support Worker is attached to the youth to provide advocacy, Case Management and where appropriate, assistance to the youth to reconnect with his/her family and resources in the community.

VIHA's SUPPORTIVE RECOVERY/MENTAL HEALTH Care Homes provide residential care for a youth attending a Substance Abuse Counselling. These youth are not necessarily involved in the justice system. A Youth Support Worker assists the youth with connecting to appropriate community resources.

VIHA's WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT Care Home provides a safe supportive home for youth to physically recover & stabilize from their substance misuse. The youth may stay in the home for seven to ten days. If necessary a youth may then move to a Tier Two Program in the same home for a period of 30 days or they may move on to a Supportive Recovery Care Home. We currently have one Withdrawal Management Care Home with plans to expand.

TURNING POINT Care Home offers vulnerable youth who are at risk of or currently dealing with issues of sexual exploitation a safe supportive place to live with Care Families who are non-judgmental and extremely patient. A Youth Support Worker supports the youth in moving towards a safer and healthier lifestyle.

PARENTING PROGRAM offers a pregnant young woman or a young woman with a baby, semi-independent living quarters in a suite and a strong mentoring Care Home until the baby is 6 months old.

SPECIALIZED Care Homes offer youth dealing with mental health challenges a safe supportive living environment in a Care Home with wrap around support. Increased one to one support and supervision and a collaborative effort to meet the needs of these youth are met through the coordination of numerous service providers.