

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

of individuals served

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICES – VANCOUVER & ABBOTSFORD

Our Community Services Offices (CSO) provide important community services by assisting individuals with essential supports such as assistance with obtaining identification; locating and maintaining safe, affordable housing; referrals to employment, substance abuse treatment, mental and physical health, and income tax resources, and many other requests. The VCSO is a free call from local provincial correctional institutions (NFPT, SPT, FRCC), and the ACSO is a toll-free call from community or federal correctional institutions. The goals of our Community Service programs are to assist individuals in optimizing their personal, social, and vocational skills in order to improve their quality of life, overcome difficult barriers, and build healthy, inclusive relationships.

Abbotsford Community Service Office

The Abbotsford Community Service Office (ACSO) provides support to individuals who are impacted by the criminal justice system, those transitioning into the community from correctional facilities, individuals with developmental disabilities, persistent mental health conditions, and substance abuse issues, and those who may be at risk of homelessness. The ACSO provides assistance, referrals, advocacy, and support with essential services, and acceptance for services is inclusive. The goal of the ACSO is to fulfill the need for healthy supports and facilitate meaningful connections to the community to establish safety and success for both individuals and their community.

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Vancouver Community Service Office

The Vancouver Community Service Office (VCSO) is a walk-in service which provides assistance to people in the community facing barriers including homelessness, mental health concerns, substance misuse, criminal justice involvement, and developmental disabilities. Staffed primarily by volunteers and practicum students, the VCSO provides a safe and supportive environment for individuals who may require support to access a range of community resources. The aim is to build a strong, inclusive community that advocates for and assists community members with complex barriers. The VCSO strives to enhance partnerships with local organizations to facilitate community inclusion and the establishment of meaningful relationships, and offers a variety of in-house programming geared towards promoting well-being and independence.

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<p>Community Living Outreach</p> <p>Community Living outreach provides person-centered, one-to-one services to adults referred to our organization by CLBC. The Outreach program supports individuals to live as independently as possible, while ensuring opportunities to live in the community, build healthy relationships, and be citizens in society. Service delivery encompasses community-based supports that may include employment, housing, building healthy relationships, and social/recreational opportunities. Our Community Living Outreach teams serve individuals through our offices in Vancouver, Surrey, and Abbotsford.</p>	227
<p>Community-Based Outreach</p> <p>The Community-Based Outreach program provides a wraparound approach to supporting individuals deemed to be high risk and high needs transitioning from CSC institutions during the pre-release stage and through their community supervision period. Community Outreach workers support the existing supervision framework and work collaboratively with Case Management teams to create individualized care plans, and provide intensive support to assist individuals in obtaining skills to become prosocial members of the community, while working to promote their resilience and independence.</p>	40
<p>Reintegration Worker (CSC)</p> <p>The Reintegration program provides support to federally incarcerated individuals who are transitioning to the community. Working in collaboration with CSC staff, the Reintegration worker assists with pre-release planning, develops working relationships with a wider audience, and enhances our ability to provide wraparound services which promote safety and success for individuals and the community. The Reintegration worker strives to bridge the gap that exists between clients' needs and being able to access services prior to release to meet those needs.</p>	Included in ACSO
<p>In It Together (Youth Gang Initiative)</p> <p>Working in partnership with Abbotsford Community Services, the South Asian Community Resource Office, Abbotsford Police Department, School District 34, and the City of Abbotsford, the In It Together (IIT) Youth Gang Prevention initiative is focused on the safe and successful reintegration of at-risk gang-affiliated youth. The JHSLM re-entry component targets youth who have been identified as involved in, or at risk of gang involvement, and provides a combination of one-to-one individualized outreach support and group workshops focused on providing effective interventions and engaging youth in prosocial alternatives to a gang or criminal lifestyle. The In It Together program supports both male and female youth between the ages of 17-30.</p>	16

<p>Community Reintegration Worker (North Fraser Pretrial Centre)</p> <p>The Community Reintegration program at North Fraser Pretrial Centre (NFPC) provides assistance with release planning, and information about community resources within the Lower Mainland. The reintegration worker focuses primarily on one-to-one support services, and provides information on housing, income assistance, applying for identification, taxes, recovery houses, treatment programs, employment and education opportunities. Individuals can access the reintegration worker or get more information about the program by filling out a special request form and submitting it to their Living Unit Officer at NFPC. Once the request is submitted, the reintegration worker will meet with the individual to discuss their needs and help create a plan for release.</p>	<p>NEW!</p>
<p>Community Case Management and Supervision (CCMS)</p> <p>CCMS is a risk based community release program which provides community case management for individuals awaiting deportation under the Immigration Refugee Act. An alternative to detention, the CCMS program is a risk-based community release program in partnership with the JHS Canada and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). If, subsequent to a risk assessment, a CBSA officer or the Immigration Review Board determines that an individual's risk can be managed in community, they may be released from detention, provided that the individual is enrolled into and supported by a CCMS program. CCMS outreach staff build rapport and provide community support to ensure that various community needs are met, including mental health, addictions, housing, and other essential community services.</p>	<p>NEW!</p>