

New Program Announcement Gang Prevention/Intervention Program



youturn – Youth Support Services is pleased to announce the addition of the Supporting Families Gang Prevention / Intervention program to the roster of services delivered by the agency.

Funded through the Ministry of Child and Youth Services (MCYS), the Supporting Families program will provide community based counselling to youth who are involved in or vulnerable to gangs. A youth worker will work with the identified youth, their siblings and family to reduce recidivism rates and gang involvement. Services are available throughout Ottawa and in Prescott Russell (Russell County and Rockland) and offered in both English and French.

Holistic support for families will be provided through individualized counselling, increasing access to education, training and employment opportunities, supporting healthy relationships, assistance with substance abuse and/or mental health issues, and support for parents and family members to enhance their abilities and skills to be an active participant in preventing their children from further involvement in criminal activity.

In addition to intensive intervention services, this program includes the provision of prevention services targeting young people at risk of future criminal and gang involvement. Prevention services are offered in partnership with the John Howard Society of Ottawa.

youturn provides community based counselling services to youth who are involved in the justice system and their families across Eastern Ontario. Services are available 24/7 and provided in both English and French.

Established in 1988, youturn is a recognized expert in the delivery of counselling, education and training, clinical treatment and a range of additional supports – all focused on helping youth and families build on their strengths, develop their personal competencies and set out on a path to a productive life and a reduction in recidivism.

Referrals to the program will be through youturn's website: www.youturn.ca. For program inquiries please contact: Leigh Couture (LCouture@youturn.ca) or Michelle Prud'Homme (MPrudhomme@youturn.ca)