

New Program Announcement



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

Funded through a 3 year grant from Justice Canada, 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.

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.

Building on the Siblings at Risk pilot project, youturn will continue to collaborate with partner agencies in Ottawa particularly the Ottawa Police, John Howard Society, Ottawa Youth Probation and the Ottawa Children's Aid Society. The program will build on the Ottawa Gang Strategy and improve service system coordination and increase access to required services and supports for families.

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.