



Our Family Newsletter



Courtesy of MCC

Special events in our family's life

- We moved our Head Office to Vaughan to better accommodate all our families.
- We welcome new Therapeutic Foster Parents and new Service and Program team members to our family.

Our continued promise to the families we serve!

Residential treatment services are an integral component of the range of services for children and youth at risk. The high standards of care that we must provide for children and youth with their families require our ongoing commitment to all families, resources and ministry partners. JCS and the MCYS is committed to working with all our partners, families and youth to continue the growth of our Multidimensional Treatment programs that have an integrated, consistent,

evidence-based approach to residential services. JCS emphasizes safety, quality and responsiveness, with particular consideration given to the needs of Aboriginal children and youth. Our families will continue to streamline principles, objectives and mind funding to support these priorities to make services as seamless as possible from the perspective of children, youth and their families.

"The OACAS is pleased that Bill 179 was passed. This new Act will allow CAS to support a greater number of youth in their transition to adulthood and create permanent families for more children and youth. The province must be acknowledged for its leadership in improving outcomes for children and youth in Ontario."

– Mary Ballantyne
Executive Director,
Ontario Association of
Children's Aid Societies

Bill 179 – Building Families and Supporting Youth

To help with the transition to adulthood, the Act allows older youth whose care was terminated at ages 16 or 17 to return to their CASs and receive financial and other supports until the age of 21. JCS has examined and strengthened our semi-independent living program to support and guide our returning clients to successfully transition into adulthood. We will work closely with the CAS's to ensure the youth receives financial

support to go to college or university. This will mean youth may be eligible for greater OSAP support. Eligible youth in our care will also participate in a financial savings program to provide a 'nest egg' to help them transition to adulthood.



Cyber Bullying Tips for Students

- Tell a trusted adult about the bullying, and keep telling until you find someone who takes action.
- Don't open or read messages from cyber bullies.
- Tell a teacher or administrator at your school if it is school related.
- Don't erase the messages ~ they may be needed to take action.
- Protect yourself: Never agree to meet face to face with anyone you meet online.
- If bullied through chat or instant messaging, the "bully" can often be blocked.
- If you are threatened with harm, inform the local police.

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Cyber Bullying and easy changes we can make

Social network sites can be used as a tool for bullying amongst children and young people. This can involve a number of people sending abusive or intimidating messages to an individual, or posting threats on their wall. As with any form of bullying, cyber bullying can be traumatic and isolating for the individual.

Encourage those in your care to be open with you about their relationships with their peers and be aware of changes in their behaviour that may suggest they are being bullied.

Keeping the computer in a communal area will also help you keep an eye on things. If a child or

young person in your care is being bullied, remind them that can block and 'defriend' those that are bullying them.

If necessary, they can close their account and set up a new one which they keep more private. Encourage them not to respond to abusive messages. Some schools treat cyber-bullying as a school matter, so do contact them to see if they can offer support.



Psychotropic and Narcotic drug changes

There have many changes to the drug management systems in Ontario prompting us focus on and view the many changes for the residents in our care.

Training of all our foster parents and staff has been completed to ensure compliance. JCS has always monitored the handling, dispensing and monitoring of all medications through internal tracking sheets but having new systems in place make each house stronger in the care we provide.

For our partners, our parents will have ID and the child in care present when picking up the medications needed and inform the office of each refill and pickup so we may monitor internally, the medications in our homes.

With these new initiatives there are new availabilities for smoking cessation products under OHIP. We have encouraged the use of this product in our treatment homes and we will ensure this program is encouraged and prescribed for each youth with a smoking addiction.

Almost 20% of teens aged 12-19 are smokers.

Each day, over 3000 children try their first cigarette.

Teens will spend over \$1000 a year on cigarettes.



Please visit smokershelpline.ca or simply call 1-877-513-5333

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Program philosophy

The philosophy of the Johnson children Services Inc. is one of “social nourishment” and looks at the young person’s social, psychological and physical well-being within a culturally sensitive environment.

“Promoting the growth of children and youth while strengthening the family unit”

New Location, New team members better services

We moved!

Our new office is located in the city of Vaughan. We have gained 500sq.ft. of meeting space which has provided our families a more intimate space for bio visitations.

We’ve added team members too!

Clinical Psychologist
Dr. Howard Waiser

Service Coordinator
Sabrina Gusic

Case Coordinator
Terryannè McDonald

Trauma and Intensive Care
Doreen Haggart

Management Operations Consultant
Dennis Holm

In 2010 Johnson Children's Services had 4 young adults leave our care and venture College in the fall.

We have also expanded our program base and service offerings. We now successfully operate 3 intake and receiving homes in Ontario.



Foster Care Bed availability in the following locations

Barrie

Harriston

Hamilton

Brampton
Intake and Receiving

Mount Forest

Caledon

Niagara Falls
Intake and Receiving

North Bay
Intake and Receiving

Bradford

Mississauga



Johnson Adult Foster Care Inc.

Serving Adults/Children with Disabilities

About Us

JAFC serves adults from 18 to 99 years of both genders. JAFC will accept any combination of the following special needs:

1. Disorders on the Autism Spectrum
2. Intellectual deficits: mild, moderate, severe
3. Psychiatric Disorder, including schizophrenia

Johnson Adult Foster Care Services:

In cooperation with family members/caregivers, we complete an individualized assessment for each individual and make recommendations to our services that will best meet their needs. We stay in touch with extended family and keep them informed about important observed changes in physical or mental status. We provide services based on specific requests that best help the individual to succeed and that Johnson Adult Foster Care can provide.

If you have the ability to help a unique individual in need of assistance please contact our office for further information.

FOSTER PARENTS



An Influence to last a lifetime

Johnson Children's Services Inc. is currently seeking families to provide a safe and secure environment for children in need.

Johnson Children's Services will assist you with:

- Training and preparation to become foster parents.
- Financial compensation.
- Ongoing contact and support.
- Community references and resources.
- 24 Hour emergency assistance.

If you have the ability to help a child or children in need please contact our office for further information.

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