

# Intensive Support Program (ISP) for Young Persons

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The Department of Public Safety believes that considerable emphasis should be placed on enhancing supervision, support and programming. The intent of the ISP program is to provide an alternative to custody.

With continued development of risk assessment procedures and the availability of more community based programs, it is anticipated that there will be less dependency on traditional measures such as open and secure custody.

### **Program description**

When a young person is sent to custody, it is sometimes difficult to address the contributing factors of the young person's criminal behaviour in a holistic manner that includes young person and family dynamics. For this reason, greater emphasis is being placed on community interventions, which target the young person within his/her natural environment.

The strength of the program depends on the support and direction of the facilitation team, innovative assessment and intervention techniques, and the delivery of high quality intensive services focusing on the young person and their families.

### **Purpose of the Intensive Support Program (ISP)**

The program aims to:

- divert young persons from entering the custodial system and support them when released from custody;
- increase young person's and family participation in pro-social activity;
- improve physical health and psychological wellness;
- enhance the young person's and the family's awareness of resources while providing access to resources required for effective parenting;
- improve family, social and economic functioning;
- ensure public safety through the active involvement of young persons in pro-social community based activities; and
- improve the young person's educational, vocational social functions and interactive skills.



## Specific target group

ISP may be a condition of a Probation Order, Deferred Custody Order, or Conditional Supervision Order.

It is intended for a young person who:

- would likely receive a custodial disposition upon sentencing;
- are assessed by a needs/risk assessment as high risk to re-offend; and
- along with their family, are motivated to participate in the program.

## Service delivery

Programs and services are provided through qualified youth and family oriented non-profit organizations. An intervention plan is formulated which may include services such as educational tutoring, family nurturing and preservation programming, anger management, employment and life skills programming, leisure and recreation. Enhanced monitoring and supervision of young person's activities are also employed.



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