

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

CHILD SUPPORT-COMMUNITY LIVING

DESCRIPTION:

Child support services are available to assist with the care, supervision and support of children with mental challenges. Services include specialized and individualized child care interventions, respite, and other supports to families with children eligible for service from Community Living British Columbia.

HISTORY:

This service became available to families on Salt Spring Island in 1989. It was developed in order to provide support and training for mentally challenged children. Salt Spring Island Community Services has provided the service since its inception.

POPULATION SERVED:

The service is available to child eligible for services through Community Living British Columbia. Children and youth to age 19 who live on the Southern Gulf Islands and have a

GOALS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

1. Enhance the health, safety and well-being of the child.
2. Improve family functioning.
3. Improve self esteem and social functioning of the child.
4. Improve opportunities for recreational and community activities for the child.

SERVICE DELIVERY PHILOSOPHY AND PRINCIPLES:

1. The climate of service delivery will be caring, respectful, safe and open.
2. People will be treated with dignity and respect.
3. Services will be provided in a discreet and confidential manner.
4. Effective service includes empowerment, advocacy, and information.

5. Service will be person-centered.
6. Service will be responsive and timely.

SERVICE DELIVERY ACTIVITIES:

1. **Consultation.** Consultation with the family and other involved service providers with regard to the progress of the person served and problems or issues that may arise.
2. **Reviews.** Reviews the progress and well-being of the person served, including evaluating and modifying established goals.
3. **Support.** Provides emotional support and feedback to persons served and their families and friends when appropriate. Accompanies person served to appointments and meetings when necessary.
4. **Life Skills Training.** Provides life skills and behavioural management training to persons served.
5. **Advocacy.** Acts on behalf of the person served to obtain needed resources and services.

LOCATION:

Service is provided in the home of the person served and in the community as determined by each individual case plan. The home base for the service is main SSICS site at 268 Fulford-Ganges Road.

HOURS:

The service is provided on a flexible schedule, primarily from Monday to Friday. Times of service are determined by the parent and the worker. The amount of service hours per family is determined in the person-centered plan.

STAFF RESOURCES:

Several part-time child support workers provide the service. Workers are assigned based on a matching and compatibility with the child, family and their specific needs. Workers report to the Director of Child and Youth Services, and are part of the SSICS Community Living Team.

ACCESS TO SERVICE:

Services are accessed through Community Living BC. A person- centered plan must be place for the child to proceed with services. A plan may be initiated by contacting the team leader in Community Initiatives at SSICS.

STANDARDS/REFERENCES/BEST PRACTICES:

1. CARF standards
2. Child and Youth Mental Health Plan for BC
3. BC Guidelines for Provision of Youth Services

FUNDING/SPONSORSHIP:

The service if funded by Community Living BC.

PARTNERSHIPS/KEY CONNECTIONS:

1. Community Living BC