



Supports and services are provided to those at risk of entering the criminal justice system, offenders, ex-offenders, their families, schools, communities, and the public at large that encourages reintegration, community safety and prevention of crime.

The John Howard Society of Belleville and District serves Hastings County, Prince Edward County and Quinte West. The agency provides intake, assessment and referral services for youth and adults, counselling, advocacy, pardon application assistance, community education, Help Line and the Community Support Worker for Youth Program.

BAIL SUPERVISION

Bail Supervision operates under the Community Support Worker for Youth Program. It is a program for youth 12 to 17 years of age and assists the court in considering and selecting suitable candidates for bail and bail supervision. Bail Supervision uses both individualized services and community referral to provide supervision and support to an accused as they move through the judicial interim release period.

- Referral to Bail Supervision can be made by Defence Counsel, Crown Attorney or the Accused.
- Initially, a minimum reporting schedule of weekly appointments in person shall be established and maintained by the bail worker. Staff will review the bail conditions with the accused and will monitor their adherence to those conditions.
- Individuals are required to participate in an assessment which identifies areas of risk and need. A case plan is developed to address the areas of need.
- Upon completion of the assessment, the service plan will be determined. Each case is individualized and may include services and/or referrals to employment counselling, literacy training, community agencies, individual counselling support, and/or assistance in securing housing.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Individuals 12 to 17 and on a judicial interim release.
- No identified surety.
- No pattern of convictions for failures to comply.
- Ability to comprehend legal obligations and expectations.
- Willingness and ability to comply with suggested conditions of release.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- Enables qualified individuals to remain in the community while awaiting trial
- The service plan is targeted to risk/need level
- Combination of individual services and community referral
- Provides support and guidance to individuals during a stressful period in their lives
- Focused on skill development to maintain a pro-social lifestyle and prevent further criminal activity
- Research based