

Who We Are

Thrive is a team of social service professionals with a mission to support those we serve to live their best lives by providing high-quality services through various programs.

We are a CARF-accredited agency offering a broad range of child, youth, adult and family services throughout the greater Victoria area.

Our Values

We believe in honouring and recognizing the uniqueness of each individual we serve. We provide services that build skills, strengths and resourcefulness where needed.

We pride ourselves on being leaders in providing accessible and meaningful services to everyone we serve.

Additional Resources

Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Offices

Victoria

2814 Nanaimo St
PO Box 9712 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9S1
Phone: 250-953-3711
Fax: 250-953-3710

Westshore

2nd Floor, 345 Wale Rd
PO Box 9755 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9S3
Phone: 250-391-2223
Fax: 250-391-2222

Peninsula

#103 - 7851 East Saanich Rd
PO Box 9741 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9S3
Phone: 250-544-3300
Fax: 250-544-3315

Sooke

#106 - 2145 Townsend Rd S
Sooke, BC V0S 1N0
Phone: 250-642-7748
Fax: 250-642-7751

MCFD Website

www.gov.bc.ca

Kids Help Line

250-310-1234

Disability Resource Centre

250-595-0044

Children & Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)



Contact Us

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THRIVE

Bringing your potential to life.

CYSN Services

The CYSN program provides goal-oriented programming to children and youth (under 19 years of age who have been diagnosed with support needs) and their families. Participants engage in many activities that promote learning, having fun and developing skills. Activities may include; games, crafts, outdoor fun, sensory play, and more. Children and youth may visit libraries, beaches, parks and a variety of other venues that will facilitate opportunities to work towards their goals.

Area of support include:

- Social Skills - social thinking, communication and conversation starters
- Life Skills - nutrition, budgeting, hygiene, community access and transportation
- Health, Wellness and Safety Skills - internet safety, boundaries, traffic safety, and consent
- Parenting Strategies - child development education, visual schedules and social thinking concepts
- Transition support for youth into adulthood - employment, volunteering and post-secondary education

INDIVIDUAL SERVICES

Individual Services is a goal-oriented program in which a Child, Youth and Family Support Worker (CYFSW) is assigned to work with your child, youth and/or family. You can expect:

- Intake and Assessment
- Goal Development
- Report Completion and Review
- Regular Intervention Sessions
- Service Exit Planning

GROUP SERVICES

The CYSN Group services consist of various groups that meet once a week. Some examples are:

- Social Buddies (ages 6 to 12 years): a curriculum-based program for learning the building blocks for effective socialization
- Transition Workshops (ages 16 to 18 years): for youth interested in living independently or semi- independently in the future
- Parent Workshops: a curriculum-based online program for parents to learn about social thinking concepts and to connect with other parents to share strategies and resources
- Additional groups are offered and each group provides a learning component and practical opportunities in a supported environment to increase their independence and strengthen social connections. These groups are developed in response to current trends and the demographics of those on our waitlist.

HOW DO YOU GET INTO THIS PROGRAM?

Your child or youth requires a referral from their Child and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN) Social Worker. Once your child or youth has received a diagnosis, you can contact the Ministry of Child and Family Development and request an intake with a CYSN Social Worker. The CYSN Social Worker will provide a referral to the program if they determine that this program would be a good fit for the child, youth and family. You can reach them by calling (778) 698-1224.



PROGRAM DAYS AND DURATION

The CYSN programs are available all year between Monday and Friday and are closed for Statutory Holidays. Your Support Worker will work with you to arrange a schedule based on mutual availability.

Individual Services typically last 4 to 12 months. Service extension can occur based on individual circumstances, available resources, and approval through the CYSN Social Worker.

Group Services run year-round with the length of each group determined based on a variety of factors. Groups are dependent on volume, demand, and staff availability. Parents or caregivers are expected to arrange transportation to and from the group location.

For more information, please contact our Children & Youth with Support Needs Program Manager at 250-383-4821