Purpose

The Youth Peer Home concept offers young women and men a safe and supportive living environment with internal and external supports.

The youth will live at the 'home' by choice as they want to make positive changes for themselves and thus for Peter Ballantyne Child & Family Services Inc. (PBCFSI) to build on their continuum of care services.

What is a Youth Peer Home?

The Peer Home is a semi-independent living arrangement (supported residential services) for female and male youth between the ages of 16 to 21 years. This process will facilitate and help the youth transition smoothly to living independently and manage their daily lives. The youth that live in the home will be in care of PBCFSI.

There are currently two peer homes in Prince Albert; one for males and one for females. The Peer Home operates 24 hours a day and 365 days a year and can accommodate up to four youth in each home.

The youth are provided their own room and share the kitchen and living room space. The homes also provide an computer to do homework and education purposes. The youth will be provided with immediate needs such as food, clothing, and toiletries.

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VISION

Safe and happy children living in healthy families and vibrant communities

The main goals of the Peer Home are to:

- Allow the youth to have a sense of family and belonging
- Make efforts for family unification
- Promote peer to peer relationships
- Focus on moving the youth to independence/semi-independence
- Youth to have a voice in their own case plan

Who is eligible for the program?

The program is available to youth who are involved with Peter Ballantyne Child & Family Services Inc. The Peer Home will be a voluntary youth placement.

The Child and Family Services Workers in each community office make the referral for the children. Each referral is reviewed and applicants are accepted on a basis of suitability.

The youth must make a commitment to working with the home, Agency and community supports available to gain personal growth, continued education and/or employment opportunities in order to gain tools and skills that will allow for their own positive independence.

The PBCFSI Peer Home will promote these five "Golden Rules" for the youth:

1. Must want to be here
2. Respect for self and others
3. Desire positive life change
4. No drugs or alcohol in the home
5. Keep yourself and others in the home safe

Program

The program will provide support and guidance and give the youth an opportunity the potential to succeed and have better access to:

- Providing 24 hour support by a mentor
- Education/work/life skills opportunities
- Health and counseling
- Employment and work readiness
- Training and professional development opportunities

Youth who live in the home gain or share their skills through direct involvement of grocery shopping, meal planning and preparation, recreation activities, as well as daily home upkeep. A live in mentor will provide guidance and support.

Where to Apply?

Please contact your local PBCFSI office for more information about the program and how to apply.