Growing futures for Manitoba youth, families and communities since 1929.

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Macdonald Youth Services (MYS)
Since 1929, Macdonald Youth Services (MYS) has been providing placement and community support services to children, youth, adults and families in Winnipeg, surrounding communities, Thompson and The Pas.

The MYS Therapeutic Model of Care (TMC) is incorporated into all services at MYS and represents a holistic and integrated approach to growth and healing. It provides a solid foundation for the work we do by creating an environment that fosters a sense of safety, connection and understanding for the entire MYS community.

Services

Placement Services

Adolescent Resources in Community Homes (ARCH) Service
Consists of six specialized programs operating out of community-based homes. ARCH specializes in the assessment and care of youth 12–17 years of age who struggle with emotional and behavioural issues. The ARCH service area also provides an opportunity for youth to participate in WorkForce Venture, a work skills and social development program.

Alternative Parent Home (APH) Service
Provides specialized foster care to children and youth up to 21 years of age who have experienced behavioural difficulties and require additional support to meet their individual needs. Within APH is the Purple Martin Program, a partnership with Winnipeg Child and Family Services. The program focuses on recruiting new foster parents willing to foster youth who would otherwise remain in a shelter.

Kisewatisiwin Service
Provides individualized therapeutic services to children and youth up to 21 years of age in the northern communities of Thompson and The Pas/Opaskwayak Cree Nation. This service includes community-based healing homes, independent living support, foster care programs and a wilderness program.

Specialized Individual Placement (SIP) Service
Operates five community-based homes that support some of the highest needs youth in the province. One-to-one educational support and one-to-one supervision is provided. The primary goal of the program is stabilization, focusing on the strengths of the youth, developing life skills and providing a safe environment for the youth to heal.

Community Support Services

The Youth Resource Centre (YRC)
Offers a 24-hour short-term emergency shelter and basic needs walk-in resource service to youth 12–17 years of age. The YRC also offers referral, advocacy, resources, information and short-term basic needs services to youth 12–21 years of age.

Youth Crisis Stabilization System (YCSS)
In partnership with Marymound, Project Neechewam, and Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre, YCSS provides community-based crisis intervention services for youth under the age of 18 and their families. MYS provides intake, mobile crisis services, clinical follow-up and brief therapy.

Coach Program
Provides a comprehensive school program that includes after school/evening and summer components. In partnership with the Winnipeg School Division, the Coach Program is designed primarily to address the needs of children and youth who are not successful in the existing educational system.

Transition Services

A newly created service area that bridges the gap between placement and community support services for youth transitioning to adulthood.

Positive Alternatives for Youth (PAY)
Provides opportunities for youth to overcome barriers, assess and develop their life skills, sharpen their education and employment skills and build their self-confidence. PAY provides opportunities for youth to be positively involved in the community.

Life Train
Provides an individualized approach that supports adult participants 18–29 years of age to develop their life skills, pre-employment, job searching, career planning and self-advocacy skills.

Independent Living with Supports (ILS)
Supports youth ages 16–21 who are transitioning out of care and into independent living. Youth are provided with support in finding and maintaining an apartment, obtaining employment or returning to school and are given the opportunity to develop their life skills. After-hours emergency support and one-to-one counseling are provided if needed.

Children, youth and families accessing MYS programming can also use the agency’s Clinical and Indigenous Cultural Services.