

CAITLAN'S PLACE

A Supportive housing program for women involved in the criminal justice system in Nova Scotia

Quick Overview

Caitlan's Place specifically helps people who are on remand and may not be able to get bail because they don't have a surety or place to go in the community.

Homelessness

Being homeless increases the likelihood of ending up in jail, while imprisonment increases the risk of homelessness and the length of time that homeless people spend in shelters.

Rehabilitative and reintegrative services available

- Addictions Programming
- Criminal and Family Court Support
- Life-Skills
- Healthy Relationships
- Employment and Educational Programs
- Cultural Connections



Overview

Caitlan's Place is a 6-bed supportive home for women and gender diverse people who are exiting provincial jail on bail. Caitlan's Place offers a shared kitchen, common room, and two (2) bathrooms, plus in-house laundry facilities. Located at 2828 Gottingen St, the home provides 24/7 staffing by a team of trained professionals in the fields of criminal justice and social services, and is managed by a social worker with expertise in working with criminal justice involved individuals in this region. Caitlan's Place offers trauma informed, culturally responsive and gender transformative programming that seeks to address the pathways to criminal justice involvement. Core services include community-based case management, safety planning, life skills training, financial management assistance, court support, recovery programming and relapse prevention.

Bail Program for Women and Gender Diverse People

Caitlan's Place is a bail program, which is designed to support the existing justice system and the efficiency of the court system by ensuring that individuals otherwise entitled to release from detention are not detained due to homelessness, a lack of financial resources and community connections. The program is also a response to the over-incarceration of African Nova Scotian and



Residents must agree to the following

Reside at the residence as directed by the courts

Abide by court ordered conditions as laid out in release order

Attend all programming as directed by the House Manager

Engage in case management plan (goal setting)

Attend court and court related appointments as directed

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Indigenous women in Nova Scotia, in particular in remand rates, and offers an alternative to imprisonment that provides culturally informed and healing support services. The program supports individuals capable of committing to following the policies of the program, who are unable to obtain surety and who are willing and motivated to participate, make positive changes in their lives. Other criteria include awaiting initial bail proceedings, remanded for show cause hearing, in custody and unable to meet their surety, and/or appealing a bail decision, which has resulted in imprisonment.



'A restorative home that fosters healing, change and growth'

Coverdale Courtwork Society is an established non-profit organization that has been supporting women involved in the criminal justice system in the Maritime provinces since 1923. Coverdale works consistently in provincial and federal courts, correctional institutions and in the community to provide comprehensive trauma informed, gender responsive services that holistically address the needs of marginalized and criminalized persons navigating these systems. Our combined services support women, non-binary and trans individuals to cope with mental illness, trauma and addiction and rebuild community connections while striving for healing, change and growth. We are committed to being an agency that demonstrates integrity, credibility, and innovation in offering a continuum of care to those who use our services.