



# Transition Aged Youth Coordinated Response (TAY-CR)

**Think outside. No box required.**

## Program Description.

Transition Aged Youth Coordinated Response (TAY-CR) is a multi-service team made up of four workers from the Oxford County Community Health Centre, the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County, Wellkin, and Youth Justice Services. The team is focused on helping **youth between the ages of 16 and 17 in Oxford County** who are homeless, 'at-risk' of becoming homeless, or are dealing with multiple needs and want help to figure things out.

Specifically, these youth may be couch surfing, relationship hopping, sleeping rough outside, or are about to leave home for a bunch of different reasons, for example:

- Not having access to basic needs.
- Fighting with parents/caregivers.
- Not feeling safe at home.
- In conflict with the law.
- Concerned about mental health and/or physical health issues.
- Can't kick a drug habit.
- Falling behind in school.
- Struggling with identity.
- Don't feel they have anyone supportive in life to help.
- Not feeling connected to self or community.
- Don't have any goals, or life plans to work towards.
- Not sure where or how to get help.

We know youth can be very vulnerable and not doing something to help means they risk falling through the gaps. It's important that young people are not left feeling desperate, or feeling that they have to survive on their own. Simply said, the TAY-CR team will partner with youth and their supports to shift course toward realizing the best version of themselves moving forward into adulthood.

## How will youth benefit from TAY-CR?

Growing up is hard and youth need support as they learn, grow, and progress. Through TAY-CR, they can access people with a bigger view of the available services. If there's anything we can do, we will!

- Anyone can refer to us, and anyone can ask for help.
- We walk with youth along the journey.
- Youth have a whole team around them and they're in control.
- Figure out goals for success and work towards the life they want.
- Build a network of people youth decide to support them in their goals.
- Navigate systems and connect youth with the right services at the right time.
- Preparing for independence and/or figuring out how to make things better at home.

## What can youth expect TAY-CR to help with?

- We take a "no wrong door," and "whole-person approach" to work with youth.
- Our goal is to meet with youth as soon as we can to complete a needs-based assessment taking everything they're comfortable sharing into account.
- Everyone is different. We will work with youth to create a fully customized plan for success.
- Needs vary. We can help with a range of things including housing, building and improving relationships, get personal ID, income and basic needs, education and employment, getting a trustee, accessing a lawyer, accessing and navigating mental and physical health services, get mental health assessments, safety planning, transition to adult services, etc.

**To download a referral: <https://oxchc.ca/housing-stability/youth-housing-support/>**