

# Working to Solve Homelessness:

## North Shore Youth Safe House



*We maintain a safe environment by discouraging:*

- *Violence of any kind, threats or intimidation*
- *Racism, homophobia, sexism or discrimination of any kind.*

*And encouraging:*

- *Respect for yourself and others*
- *Personal involvement in solution seeking*
- *Structured meal & sleep times.*

The North Shore Youth Safe House is run by Hollyburn Family Services Society, a non-profit charitable organization that was formed in 2004. The Safe House is open every hour and every day and is available to youth between the ages of 13 - 18, who are experiencing various problems either at home or outside of the home. Youth are allowed to stay for a period upwards of 14 days - with the possibility of an extension.

The Safe House provides four beds for emergency shelter and two beds for transitional housing. Integrated Case Management is used to address the needs of youth. Youth have supports in the form of:

- Family Support Workers
- Transitional Youth Workers
- Drug and Alcohol Assessment
- On-going and after care support

Hollyburn Family Services, formed in 2000, provides quality therapeutic and support services designed to strengthen child, youth and family functioning. The agency aspires to develop and implement progressive best practices in response to the emerging needs of the community. Their programs have been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Hollyburn strives to create a trusting environment for those looking for a safe haven.

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