



WHO WE ARE

The John Howard Society of Saskatchewan (JHSS) is a well-established non-profit provincial organization that provides effective, just, and humane services in response to the causes and consequences of crime, and assists individuals who are at risk or are involved in the criminal justice process.

VISION

Communities have effective, just, humane practices that support positive social outcomes.

MISSION

The John Howard Society of Saskatchewan provides prevention, intervention, support services, and advocacy for individuals who are at risk or are involved in the criminal justice process.

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JHSS operates on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories, traditional lands of the Nehiyaw/Cree, Saulteaux, Stoney, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, and homeland of the Métis Nation.

ADULT ALTERNATIVE MEASURES PROGRAM

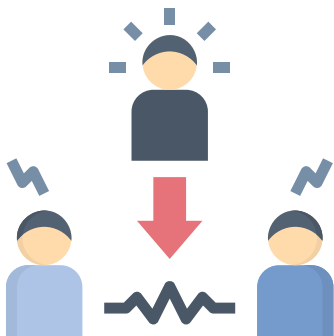
Moose Jaw



An alternative to court for both victim and offender under the Saskatchewan Justice Diversion Program.

ALTERNATIVE MEASURES

Alternative Measures refers to means other than the formal court process for adults charged with certain offenses as approved by the Ministry of Justice and the Crown Prosecutor. In order for an offense to be eligible for referral to the program, adults are required to take responsibility for committing the offense.



Program staff arrange a face-to-face meeting between offender and victim. A mediated discussion takes place with the intent of repairing harm and deterring the offender from further criminal activity. The goal is to address underlying issues and focus on education and information.

Upon successful completion, the charge is withdrawn in court. The program is centered on the belief that justice is best determined by those directly involved.

WHAT DOES A MEDIATOR DO?

A mediator is a neutral party for both the victim and the offender. The mediator:

- Helps the parties understand the mediation process.
- Helps the victim and the offender talk freely with each other.
- Ensures that all concerns are addressed and rights are respected.
- Represents the interests of the community while helping the victim and the offender explore the incident and its possible solutions.

WHAT HAPPENS AT MEDIATION?

- The mediator introduces everyone and outlines the incident which is to be discussed.
- The offender is asked to describe the offence and what led up to it.
- The victim is asked to describe the incident from their point of view and talk about any physical, mental, emotional or financial concerns.
- Both parties are asked to talk about how the incident has affected them.
- After discussing the matter, the victim and the offender are asked to suggest ways of resolution.
- The mediator helps to reach a solution that is acceptable to both parties and an agreement is created.



QUESTION & ANSWER

MAY I TALK TO A LAWYER?

The victim and the offender have the right to consult a lawyer at any time.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MEDIATION?

After the victim and the offender reach an agreement which states what the offender is responsible to complete, the mediator monitors the progress of completion and reports to the Crown Prosecutor and police. Upon successful completion, the charge is withdrawn.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED BUT NOT COMPLETED?

The case is defaulted back to the Crown Prosecutor's office to proceed through the formal court process.



BEFORE MEDIATION CAN OCCUR THE OFFENDER MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS.



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