

“EVERGREEN HELPED ME FOCUS AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS - WITHOUT THEM I WOULD HAVE HAD A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LIFE. PEOPLE AT EVERGREEN CHERISH YOU, IT’S A REALLY GOOD FEELING. EVERGREEN IS SO MUCH MORE THAN A DROP-IN. I USED MANY OF THE RESOURCES TO MAKE MY LIFE BETTER.”

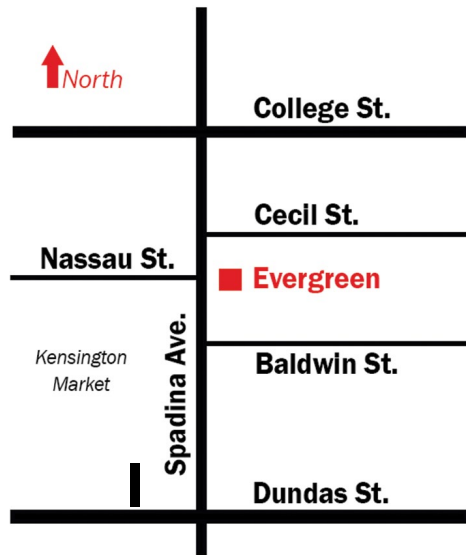
- Lisa*, a street-involved youth



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**SERVICES & PROGRAMS
FOR STREET-INVOLVED YOUTH**

MEETING THE COMPLEX NEEDS OF STREET-INVOLVED YOUTH

YSM's Evergreen is a welcoming, comprehensive centre for street-involved youth in our city. Our wide range of services and programs are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of youth aged 16 to 24.

DROP-IN

Opens at 12:00 PM, Mon-Fri

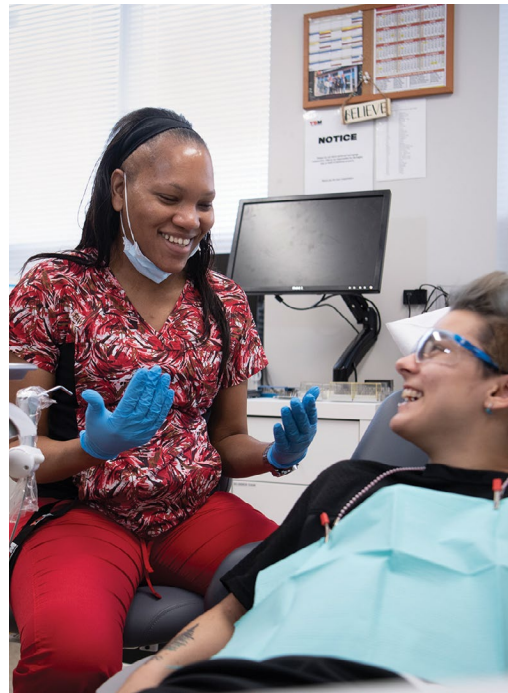
Evergreen's drop-in is a safe, welcoming space offering daily meals, snacks, access to clothing and hygiene products, and a place to rest and enjoy community. Drop-in staff are available to help you navigate Evergreen resources and outside services that may be of value. There are also daily activities such as art, karaoke and workshops to choose from, aimed to help you advance your goals.

FOOD

Free, delicious, healthy and nutritious lunches are served on weekdays from 12-2pm. From October to May, hot dinners are also served Monday to Thursday 5-6pm. You're welcome to enjoy healthy snacks all day long.

"EVERGREEN STAFF HELPED ME IN SO MANY WAYS, ACCOMPANYING ME WHEN I HAD TO TESTIFY IN COURT, HELPING ME COMPLETE APPLICATIONS TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND JUST LISTENING WHEN I WAS DISCOURAGED. THEY SAVED MY LIFE!"

- Liam*, a street-involved youth



HEALTH AND DENTAL CLINIC Mon-Fri, 12:30 - 4:30 PM

Low barrier access to compassionate and non-judgmental health services for youth and their children. OHIP cards are not necessary. All services are free of charge and include foot care, STI testing, chiropractic adjustments, acupuncture, medical, dental care and more.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Do you need help to get off the street? Our housing team can access shelters and transitional housing while collaborating with you to find a permanent housing solution.

COUNSELLING

Our trained counsellors support community members who are dealing with issues such as abuse, addictions, anxiety and eating disorders, as well as traumatizing or negative experiences and other painful psychological wounds.

CREATING GREATER CIRCLES OF SUPPORT

We treat everyone with respect and dignity to help them get to the point where they can move forward and sustain positive change.

NURSERY

Mon-Fri, 12:30 - 4:15 PM

If you are a parent, our nursery cares for children while you attend programs or are accessing services at Evergreen. We also offer parenting workshops and a nursery food bank stocking essentials such as formula, diapers and other infant and child necessities.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

We offer youth employment counselling, skills and a safe space to prepare for employment. Our innovative approach to arranging work placements and developing paid job-readiness programs – including a partnership with Starbucks – help many of our community members find stable employment within two years.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

If you haven't finished high school, we support your efforts to get a GED, the equivalent of a high school diploma. We also work to develop financial literacy skills to help you stay on track and achieve employment certifications and/or a post-secondary education. Let's talk about your plans and next steps.

