

Contact Information

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**"There can be no peace, and ultimately
no life, without community."**

-M. Scott Peck

John Howard Society Mission Statement

The Society works for effective and humane criminal justice through reform, advocacy, direct service, and public education in order to promote a safe and peaceful community.

John Howard Society Core Values

- People have the right to live in a safe and peaceful society as well as the responsibility to accept humane consequences when this right is infringed.
- Every person has intrinsic worth and must be treated with dignity, equity, fairness and compassion before the law.
- All people have the potential to become responsible citizens.
- Every person has the right and the responsibility to be informed about, and involved in, the criminal justice process.
- Justice is best served through measures that resolve conflicts, repair harm, and restore peaceful relations in society.
- Independent, non-profit, non-government organizations have a vital role in the criminal justice process.

Community Services

Community Support & Information

Who We Serve

The Community Services Office assists those who have come in contact with the criminal justice system, those who have been impacted by, or are at risk for involvement with the criminal justice system. We support individuals who are transitioning into the community from federal and provincial institutions, individuals with developmental disabilities and persistent mental health conditions, and those who pose a risk for homelessness.

What We Do

The Community Services office is located at 752 Kingsway, Vancouver. Services can be accessed by mail, calling, e-mailing or dropping by the office. Our Community Services staff can assist you in applying for identification, providing support in locating affordable housing, making referrals to employment programs, providing drug and alcohol treatment resources information and general community support.

“For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love and concern for each other.”

-Millard Fuller

How Can We Help?

The John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland’s Community Services Office can assist in various ways. For those who are homeless or living in temporary accommodation, we can provide a mailing address. For those who require an advocate, landlord tenant mediation, community

support or community resource information, our staff and volunteers are ready to help out.

Below is a list of some of the services provided by the Community Services Office. We welcome your input on how we can better serve the community.

We Provide Assistance with...

Identification Applications

- Birth Certificates
- Citizenship documents
- S.I.N. cards
- MSP (Care Card)

Education

- Grade 12 Certification
- Post-Secondary
- Trade School Information

Housing

- Affordable Housing Lists
- Emergency Housing Referrals
- Housing Advocacy
- Landlord / Tenant Mediation
- Housing Placements
- Mailing Address

Drug/Alcohol Issues

- Treatment Center & Recovery Information
- AA & NA Information
- Referrals

Legal Matters

- LawLINE Information
- Pro-bono lawyer and Legal Aid information

Employment

- Resumes & Cover Letters
- Information on Community Resources
- Referrals to Employment Programs

Community Support

- Computer & Internet access
- Free telephone
- Support staff