D.E.Y.A.S.

Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society 49 West Cordova Street Vancouver BC V6B 1C8 Ph: 685-6561/ Fax: 685-7117 info@deyas.org

The Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society was created to deliver primary outreach services to the street-involved people of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. The agency's priority is youth. D.E.Y.A.S. also runs programs which serve adults.

The nature of all D.E.Y.A.S. services is to provide 'windows of opportunity' for clients wanting to make lifestyle changes or exit the street and to promote the health and safety of those who are unwilling or unable to leave their current situations. Services encompass a range of interventions, including crisis management, advocacy, service referrals, counselling and risk-reduction initiatives.

D.E.Y.A.S. continually seeks, in conjunction with the wider community, to identify needs and develop services which can better the lives of the most marginalized, at-risk people in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver.

COUNSELLING PROGRAM

49 West Cordova Street Vancouver BC V6B 1C8 Phone: 604-685-7300 Fax: 604-685-7117 counsellors@deyas.org

D.E.Y.A.S. offers counselling to adults to support them in dealing with alcohol or drug addictions, HIV or hepatitis infections, and other related issues. Services provided include one to one counselling, detox referrals, treatment referrals and support, client advocacy where appropriate, advice on harm reduction and referrals to medical, housing and other relevant community services. Clients may see the counsellor on a drop-in basis or by setting up appointments.

HEALTH VAN 52 Blood Alley

Vancouver BC V6B 1C7

Ph: 604-551-5011

Fax: 604-685-7117 healthvan@deyas.org

The Downtown Eastside Health Outreach Van is a mobile health services outreach program, targeted to high risk individuals who do not access mainstream health care services on a regular basis. Hours of operation run from mid-afternoon to 1:00 am seven days per week. The van provides basic nursing and needle exchange services. Walk up services and home visits are provided. Call 604-551-5011.



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> YOUTH DETOX SERVICES Phone (604) 251-7615 Fax (604) 254-9923 d.e.y.a.s.youthservices@shaw.ca

YOUTH ACTION CENTRE (YAC) Street Youth Drop-In 41 West Cordova Street Vancouver BC V6B 1C8 Phone (604) 602-9747 Fax (604) 685-7117 youthservices@deyas.org

> NEEDLE EXCHANGE 5 East Hastings Street Vancouver BC V6A 1M9 Phone (604) 307-9996 Fax (604) 685-7117 exchange@deyas.org

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The Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Youth Services Programme provides primary outreach service, reconnect services, transitional support, life skills training, HIV/AIDS and Harm Reduction/Damage control information and education, as well as residential withdrawal management services to youth in the Vancouver and Lower Mainland area.

Offering an individualized approach to withdrawal management and support services, D.E.Y.A.S. Youth Services strives to increase the safety and improve the quality of life of young people and their significant others.

Open seven days a week from 9 am until 12 midnight (hours extended during summer months).

YOUTH ACTION CENTRE (Y.A.C.)

Street Youth Drop-In 41 West Cordova Street Vancouver BC V6B 1C8

Phone: 604-602-9747 Fax: 604-685-7117

youthservices@deyas.org

The Youth Action Centre is a storefront drop-in centre providing a safe environment where young people in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside can hang out, access services, interact with other service providers and meet their daily dietary and personal needs. The Centre is open seven days a week with four staff on site at all times.

Y.A.C. provides two meals daily, laundry facilities, housing advocacy, cultural and recreational activities, weekly food bank and life skills programming at no cost.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE

5 East Hastings Street Vancouver BC V6A 1M9 Ph: 307-9996 / Fax: 685-7117 exchange@deyas.org

The Needle Exchange program operates to exchange new needles for used ones and to provide condoms for the purpose of preventing the transmission of HIV and other infections, with a particular focus on IV drug users and sex trade workers.

The Exchange also provides condoms, alcohol wipes, lubrication, vitamins, bleach, water and clean water bottles, as well as information on HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, endocarditis, TB, drug use, and other health issues. The Exchange offers referrals to drug & alcohol counselling, to detox, to other community resources and to medical facilities.

The Exchange operates on a 24 hour basis, with a fixed site open from 9am to 7pm daily and mobile outreach done by vans seven days per week from 3:00pm to 12:00am the following morning. Trading is done on a point for point basis.