

## Expertise & Innovation

Member agencies have played a significant role in the social service delivery system since the late 1800's. Our long history provides a strong foundation on which we continue to develop innovative and unique responses to the continuing needs of young parent families in our society.

The changing face of our service reflects the diversity of the persons who seek out assistance and their individual needs.

Our services are delivered in collaboration with many other organizations for the purpose of ensuring a coordinated, comprehensive response to individual needs. Those organizations include child welfare, young offenders, child care, education and health.

Member agencies are governed by community Boards of Directors and staffed by professionals and volunteers.

For more information or assistance contact the Young Parent Resource located nearest to you.

<b>GUELPH</b>	
Michael House	519-836-5342
<b>HAMILTON</b>	
Grace Haven	905-522-7336
St. Martin's Manor	905-575-7500
<b>KITCHENER</b>	
Merillac Place	519-571-0722
<b>LONDON</b>	
Bethesda Centre	519-438-8371
Merry Mount Children's Centre	519-434-6848 <sup>x245</sup>
<b>NIAGARA</b>	
Hannah House	905-353-8552
<b>NEWMARKET</b> – York Region	
Rose of Sharon	905-853-5514
<b>NORTHUMBERLAND</b>	
Alpha House	905-372-5742
<b>OSHAWA</b> – Durham Region	
Rose of Durham	905-432-3622
<b>OTTAWA</b>	
Bethany Hope Centre	613-725-1733
St. Mary's Home	613-749-2491
Youville Centre	613-231-5150
<b>PEEL REGION</b>	
Vita Manor	905-858-0329
<b>PEMBROKE</b>	
Columbus House	613-732-8977
<b>ST. THOMAS</b>	
Rehoboth Supportive Housing	519-637-0845
<b>SPRINGFIELD</b>	
Rehoboth Homes	519-765-4207
<b>THUNDER BAY</b>	
Salvation Army Single Parents	807-345-7319
<b>TORONTO</b>	
Humewood House	416-651-5657
Jessie's Centre for Teenagers	416-365-1888
Massey Centre for Women	416-425-6348
Rosalie Hall	416-438-6880
<b>WATERLOO</b>	
St. Monica's House	519-743-0291

# YOUNG PARENT RESOURCES OF ONTARIO

*Affiliate of Ontario Association of Children's and Youth Centres (Ontchild)*



*Working together to provide a comprehensive system of early intervention, prevention and treatment services meeting the needs of young families across Ontario.*

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## Outreach & Community Support Services may include:

- ☑ High School Education
- ☑ Home Visiting
- ☑ School Based Support Services
- ☑ Transitional/Supportive Housing
- ☑ Outreach to Homeless Youth
- ☑ Day Treatment Programs
- ☑ Employment Training Programs
- ☑ Family Resource Programs
- ☑ Parent Support Groups
- ☑ Counselling

*Many young parents, isolated because of their poor social, economic and family circumstances, find it difficult to gain the assistance they need. Outreach and community-based programs enable the families to access ongoing support as they work towards their individual goals.*



## Pre & Post-Natal Services/ Residential

Programs and services assist young pregnant teens and young parents to overcome the obstacles in their lives, make decisions about pregnancy, adoption and parenting, better care for themselves and to gain skills to assist them to improve their life circumstances.

Residences offer places of safety, of learning and of caring, which are proven to establish a positive parent-child relationship providing the best start possible for the child.

*Many of the young women have experienced multiple risk factors which impact on their ability to parent. Poverty, abuse and family conflict are barriers to their success. They develop the skills to manage their day-to-day lives.*

## Prevention & Early Intervention

Pre-natal Support Services provide resources and education, supporting healthy pregnancies and encouraging breastfeeding. Programs include substance abuse and abuse/assault prevention.



Early Child Development Programs include parenting programs and opportunities for play-based learning for early brain development.



Public Education Programs about Teen Pregnancy address the issues of teen parenting with other youth and community members and focus on prevention.

## Outcomes

Residential care and community-based support services are proven to be successful means of achieving better outcomes for pregnant teens and young families.