

# Make it Better for **TAY**

### Make the process comfortable for youth.

If the following describes you, a family member or a client of yours, we can help.

- Youth aged 16 to 24 who live in Lanark, Leeds & Grenville
- Youth who have persistent mental health (MH) and/or addiction issues
- Youth who need help connecting to community services (i.e. mental health, addictions, housing, education, employment, financial, etc.)
- Youth who need help to transition from children and youth mental health and/or addictions services to adult mental health and/or addictions services
- Youth who need extra support getting their life back on track and discussing their options

\*Services are offered in Smiths Falls, Perth, Carleton Place and Brockville, and are free and confidential.

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TAY Transitional Aged Youth



#### Addictions and Mental Health Services in Lanark, Leeds & Grenville (LL&G)

**Children's Mental Health of Leeds & Grenville (CMHLG)** provides a range of free mental health services for children, youth and their families (ages 0-17). CMHLG offers timely services on a continuum from single session through to intensive services.

Lanark County Mental Health responds to individuals (17 yrs+) who experience mental health concerns. Community services include:

- Crisis, counselling and treatment
- Case management
- Court Diversion / Court Support

Lanark, Leeds & Grenville Addictions and Mental Health provides addictions services for all ages and programs for individuals (16 yrs+) who experience various mental health issues. Community services include:

Substance Use Treatment

- Substance Use Treatment
  Mental Health Treatment
- Case management
- Counselling

**Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth** provides a range of community mental health services to clients (up to age 18) at no charge including:

- Quick response
- Counselling: single session, brief and extended
- Family resources



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I need help connecting with services.



Serving Lanark, Leeds & Grenville







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#### Why Transition Services?

Services for children end at age 18 and services for adults begin at age 16, making it necessary for youth to move from one agency to another to continue receiving mental health services.

Some youth require connections to needed community supports and services.

#### **Our Mission**

To support youth holistically, connecting them to appropriate ongoing services and enhancing their skills toward independence.

#### **Our Goal**

To provide support and stability to youth during the transition process and assist them with their emotional well-being and day-to-day activities.

### Contact

To make a referral or for more info, please contact: Transitional Connector

In Leeds & Grenville:

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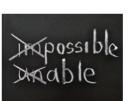
- In Lanark:
- 613 284 5119
- **613 969 1464**
- 613 207 0730

## How We Can Help TAY Support . Connect . Empower

The **Transitional Connector** collaborates with youth aged 16 to 24, their family, and service and care providers to:

- Help youth and their family understand available services
- Support youth to feel comfortable meeting with a new counsellor or at a new service

- Empower youth, build on strengths and abilities
- Teach new life skills or connect to life skills training
  - Budgeting
  - Banking
  - Healthy relationships
  - Social interaction/support



- Assist youth to navigate; provide information; coordinate and connect to services
- Advocate on behalf of youth
- Help youth with:
  - Finding a safe place to live
  - Employment readiness and finding a job
  - Continuing their education or vocation
  - Applying for financial support
  - Getting government ID (health card, SIN, birth certificate, etc.)

- Connect youth with a:
  - Mental Health and/or Addictions Counsellor
  - Family doctor or nurse practitioner
  - Dentist, etc.
- Provide interim support and connections to mental health support groups

The **Transitional Connector** engages and supports youth to enhance their coping and life skills, preparing and empowering them to take their next step toward independence.