



Youth from Huddle Manitoba



Kenora Youth Wellness Hub (YWHO)

A PORTRAIT OF INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES IN CANADA

Integrated Youth Services (IYS) is transforming the way young people access mental health care in Canada. A new report commissioned by the Bell-Graham Boeckh Foundation (GBF) Partnership outlines the current state of IYS in the country and how it's changing the system. Click [here](#) to read the report.

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CURRENT IYS SITES (AS OF JULY 2022)



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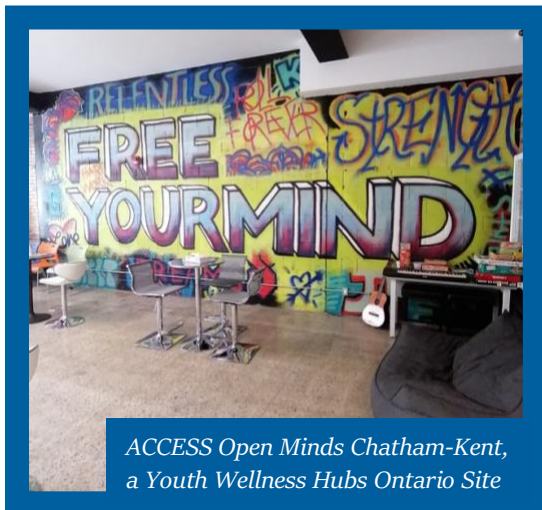
ABOUT IYS

IYS is a model of care that is transforming the way young people access mental health care and related services in Canada and internationally.

As its name implies, the IYS model aims to build youth-focused and integrated services for mental health, substance use and related issues, so that young people aged 12-25 can get the help they need, when they need it, in one youth-friendly location.

IYS is a dynamic, pan-Canadian movement with youth, families, and community agencies across the country involved in collaborative planning, co-design, implementation, and governance of IYS services and programs.

IYS has developed at a rapid rate in Canada, supported financially by governments, philanthropy and more generally by community service providers and youth and family advocates. In the past decade, IYS has grown from a few single sites into comprehensive systems of care in several provinces. Today, IYS initiatives or sites exist or are in development in most provinces and one territory. At the same time, research evidence for the rationale, implementation, and effectiveness of IYS has grown, particularly through initiatives such as [Foundry](#) in BC, [Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario \(YWHO\)](#), [Aire Ouverte](#) in Quebec, and the pan-Canadian research project [ACCESS Open Minds](#).



ABOUT THE BELL- GBF PARTNERSHIP

In 2020, [Bell and GBF partnered](#) to advance integrated systems of care for youth mental health across Canada. Through the Partnership, GBF and Bell have committed \$10 million to accelerate and develop IYS across Canada. To learn more about the goals of the Partnership, click [here](#).

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