

Mental Health Resource Guide for Winnipeg

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Winnipeg Region is dedicated to helping you navigate the mental health system. If you need help, call 204-982-6100 or visit our website at www.winnipeg.cmha.ca

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INTRODUCTION

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health problem, you may not know where to turn for information, help or support.

This guide is intended to assist individuals, families, friends or professionals to access information on the variety of services and supports available in the community of Winnipeg. Having access to useful information is a key value of the Canadian Mental Health Association. We hope this guide will assist you in finding the services or supports you are looking for in a timely manner.

Mental Health

definition

“The capacity of each and all of us to feel, think, and act in ways that enhance our ability to enjoy life and deal with the challenges we face...” (Public Health Agency of Canada)

Goldberg Depression Scale

The Goldberg Depression Scale is an internationally known scale for screening for depression. This is just a screening tool and is not intended to diagnose depression. If a person rates high on this scale, a professional assessment can accurately diagnose whether or not the person has a clinical depressive disorder.

Depression Scale

(Score one point for each “Yes” if the symptom occurs most of the time over the past 2 – 4 weeks)

1. Have you had low energy?

2. Have you had loss of interests?
 3. Have you lost confidence in yourself?
 4. Have you felt hopeless?
- (If yes with any question, go on to 5 – 9:)

5. Have you had difficulty concentrating?
6. Have you lost weight (due to poor appetite)?
7. Have you been waking early?
8. Have you felt slowed up?
9. Have you tended to feel worse in the mornings?

People with a score of two (2) have a 50 percent chance of having a mental health problem. With higher scores the probability rises sharply.

Goldberg Anxiety Scale

The Goldberg Anxiety Scale is an internationally known scale for screening for anxiety. This is just a screening tool and is not intended to diagnose anxiety. If a person rates high on this scale, a professional assessment can accurately diagnose whether or not the person has clinical anxiety.

Anxiety Scale

(Score one point for each “Yes” if the symptom occurs most of the time over the past 2 – 4 weeks)

1. Have you felt keyed up, on edge?
 2. Have you been worrying a lot?
 3. Have you been irritable?
 4. Have you had difficulty relaxing?
- (If yes, to two of the above, go on to 5 – 9:)

5. Have you been sleeping poorly?
6. Have you had headaches or neck aches?
7. Have you had any of the following: trembling, tingling, dizzy spells, sweating, urinary frequency, diarrhea?
8. Have you been worried about your health?
9. Have you had difficulty falling asleep?

People with anxiety scores of five (5) have a 50 percent chance of having a mental health problem. With higher scores the probability rises sharply.

For more information on depression, you can contact the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba – 204-786-0987, www.mooddordersmanitoba.ca. For more information on anxiety, you can contact the Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba – 204-925-0600, www.adam.mb.ca. If you are concerned about symptoms of depression or anxiety that you may be experiencing, a good first step is to talk to your doctor. If you do not have a regular doctor, you can try a walk-in clinic or you can call the Family Doctor Connection (204-786-7111) for information on doctors accepting new patients.

Frequently Called Numbers

CMHA Winnipeg Phone Line	204-982-6100
• Information & Referral	
• Rights Consultant	
WRHA Mobile Crisis Service	204-940-1781
TTY Deaf Access Line	204-779-8902
Crisis Response Centre – 817 Bannatyne Ave.	
Klinik Crisis Line	204-786-8686
Klinik Sexual Assault Line	204-786-8631

Manitoba Suicide Line	1-877-435-7170
Seneca House	204-231-0217
Seneca Help Line (7 p.m. – 11 p.m. only)	204-942-9276
Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba	204-786-0987
Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba	204-925-0600
Manitoba Schizophrenia Society	204-786-1616
WRHA Community Mental Health Services	204-788-8330
Health Links	204-788-8200
Family Doctor Connection	204-786-7111
Addictions Foundation of Manitoba	204-944-6200
Employment & Income Assistance – Main Line	204-948-4000
Employment & Income Assistance -- After Hours Emergencies	204-945-0183
Youth Crisis Stabilization System	204-949-4777 or 1-888-383-2776

Crisis Response Centre (CRC)

The Crisis Response Centre is an exciting and innovative addition to the mental health service system in Winnipeg. It offers a unique combination of crisis response services within an environment that promotes healing and recovery. Winnipeg residents 18 years of age and over experiencing a mental health crisis now have streamlined access to mental health assessment, treatment and crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Visit us at 817 Bannatyne Avenue.

The Mobile Crisis Service is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week to provide on-site assistance with a mental health crisis. 204-940-1781

Crisis Services

What is a Crisis?

- A time of difficulty or change.
- A disruption or breakdown in your daily living pattern.
- A temporary inability to cope by your usual ways of problem solving.
- A feeling of being out of control.

What can you do if this is happening to you or to someone you know?

Contact any of the Following

These services require the consent of the person experiencing the crisis.

WINNIPEG REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (WRHA), MOBILE CRISIS SERVICE ·
204-940-1781

Is a multi-disciplinary team specializing in crisis intervention, mental health assessment, and short term follow-up for adults experiencing a mental health crisis. Offers 24 hour crisis intervention and home visits. Individuals, family members, and service providers can call for assistance.

CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (WRHA)

755 Portage Avenue · 204-940-3633

Provides short term intervention for adults experiencing mental health and/or psychosocial crisis.

YOUTH CRISIS STABILIZATION SYSTEM

204-949-4777 or 1-888-383-2776

OSBORNE HOUSE INC. · 204-942-3052

24 hour crisis line. Provides a safe and supportive environment for women and their children who

are being abused by an intimate partner.

MAIN STREET PROJECT

75 Martha Street · 204-982-8245

Provides 24 hour crisis services including shelter, detox and housing.

WINNIPEG EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATOR

911

Will connect your call to the appropriate Emergency Department who will then take details of your crisis situation.

KLINIC

786-8686 or 1-888-322-3019

24 hour crisis line offers counselling service and crisis/suicide intervention.

MANITOBA SUICIDE LINE

1-877-435-7170

Hospital Emergency

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

Adults: 204-787-3167

Children: 204-787-2306

GRACE GENERAL HOSPITAL · 204-837-0157

ST. BONIFACE GENERAL HOSPITAL · 204-237-2260

SEVEN OAKS GENERAL HOSPITAL · 204-632-3232

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL · 204-477-3148

CONCORDIA HOSPITAL · 204-661-7194

MISERICORDIA HEALTH CENTRE

Urgent Care · 204-788-8188

Several hospitals have psychiatric nurses on duty in emergency for part of the day/evening. Inquire about specific schedules.

Emergency Shelter

MAIN STREET PROJECT · 204-982-8245

75 Martha Street · Open 24 hours Emergency shelter offers emergency, overnight shelter and short-term hostel accommodations for men and women.

SILOAM MISSION - HANNAH'S PLACE EMERGENCY SHELTER · 204-943-1748

300 Princess Street

Intake daily at 9:00 pm.

OSBORNE HOUSE · 204-942-3052

Offers short-term emergency shelter for women and children in abusive relationships.

IKWE-WIDDJIITWIN · 204-987-2780 or 1-800-362-3344

Offers shelter, support and counselling to women who are suffering from emotional, physical or sexual abuse from their intimate partner.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Booth Centre · 204-946-9402
180 Henry Avenue
Provides short term accommodations for men and women.

THE SALVATION ARMY - SonRise Village · 204-946-9471
A family shelter.

EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR MEN - During business hours call 204-415-6797 ext. 200. After business hours call: The Provincial Domestic Abuse Line at: 1-877-977-0777 or Osborne House at 204-942-3052. Emergency Shelter for Men and their children is accessible through the Men's Resource Centre for men who are fleeing intimate partner domestic violence and/or abuse.

Help for Families

Families can play a valuable role in supporting a family member with a mental health problem. Having a family member with a mental illness is stressful. In addition to coping with the practical issues of day-to-day living, families can experience tremendous guilt, fear, grief, anxiety, self-doubt and uncertainty. The person with the mental illness benefits most from support and encouragement. Family members and friends who have a good understanding of the illness and treatment options will be better equipped to be supportive. Each family member may react differently to the situation. The person dealing with a mental illness must always be treated with dignity and respect.

Many self-help organizations offer information and support to families.

Here are a few TIPS for Families:

- TIP Find out about mental health resources in the community.
- TIP Keep a journal of notes about what has been happening, which can help you to see patterns, etc.
- TIP Make a list of questions you may want to ask the doctor.
- TIP Ask for information about the illness and the treatment.
- TIP Offer choices to the person such as "Will you go to the hospital with me or would you prefer (name a friend) go with you?"
- TIP Have a plan for dealing with crisis situations such as who to call, what services are available, and who can support the person and family through a crisis.
- TIP Make sure you are looking after yourself: maintain outside interests, gain support from others, seek counselling if necessary.

The following offer specialized services for families dealing with mental illness:

Family Therapy is also provided by:

- AURORA FAMILY THERAPY CENTRE · 204-786-9251
- FAMILY DYNAMICS · 204-947-1401
- NEW DIRECTIONS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
· 204-786-7051 ext 5262
Family Therapy for families with children under 18 years of age.

- THE COUPLES COUNSELLING PROJECT

University of Manitoba · 204-790-7221

- CENTRE RENAISSANCE CENTRE · 204-256-6750

- AULNEAU RENEWAL CENTRE · 204-987-7090

- NEW DIRECTIONS PARENTING CENTRE · 204-956-6560

301-321 McDermot Avenue - A service to support families with small children, birth to 12 years of age

Also see Counselling or Therapy list on page 8.

Education and Support Groups

MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR FAMILIES

Are you coping with a mental illness of a family member? Do you struggle with how to support your loved one? Do you want to know how to support yourself, as a family member? CMHA Winnipeg Region is now offering a six week course for families and friends. Call 204-982-6100 or visit www.winnipeg.cmha.ca

“NAME THAT FEELING SUPPORT GROUP” is for children who have a family member with a mental illness (this includes any mental illness). This is a 6 week support group that offers young people 7 years old and up the opportunity to discuss their needs and feelings around living with a family member with a mental illness. Individual appointments on request. Contact the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society at 204-786-1616

Manitoba Schizophrenia Society Family Support Group - Peer led. Fourth Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Contact the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society at 204-786-1616

Strengthening Families Together - An four session education program for family members and friends of individuals living with psychosis. Contact the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society at 204-786-1616

Eight Stages of Healing - A ten week program for families and friends of someone with a mental illness and/or a co-occurring disorder. Contact the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society at 204-786-1616

FAMILY AND FRIENDS is a support group sponsored by the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba. It meets weekly on Wednesday evenings 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at 100 - 4 Fort Street. 204-786-0987

MANITOBA FIRST EPISODE PSYCHOSIS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Families with young people who have experienced first-episode psychosis meet monthly to share, learn, support each other and lobby. Contact Christine: 204-475-8381

S.P.E.A.K. SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION AWARENESS

KNOWLEDGE - A family-based education and support group. 204-784-4064
www.klinik.mb.ca/speak.htm

Al-anon

The Al-anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. 204-943-6051

Finding a Doctor

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health problem, it is important to seek help early. It is a good idea to see a doctor to assess your overall health and to rule out any underlying

physical illness. Be very specific and thorough about what you have been experiencing in order for the doctor to provide the best possible course of treatment.

If you do not have a Family Doctor and you need to find a Family Doctor who is accepting new patients; call Family Doctor Connection at 204-786-7111.

Your doctor may prescribe treatment or you may be referred to a psychiatrist or a general practitioner who has specialized training in psychiatry, or other mental health professional.

Other professionals who may be part of your treatment team include: psychiatric nurses, social workers, community mental health workers, occupational therapists or psychologists.

Housing

Having a safe, comfortable and affordable place to live is a very important factor in our emotional well-being. Finding the right type of quality housing that fits your budget can be difficult. Here are some housing resources that may help.

Manitoba Housing owns and manages rental housing accommodations in many locations across Manitoba. Accommodations are available under the Social Housing Rental Program or the Affordable Housing Rental Program. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and have incomes below the Program Income Limits for each program. Contact Manitoba Housing at: 204-945-4663 or Toll Free at: 1-800-661-4663. For more information and application forms, please visit our website at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/find/find.html>

Co-op Housing - Every member has a vote in how the co-op is run. There may be subsidies available for people who cannot afford the housing charges. For a listing of co-ops see the phone book yellow pages under Housing Cooperatives and Rental.

Private Market -This type of housing is not government operated. Rental units are owned and managed for profit by individuals and corporations. They must follow the regulations of the Residential Tenancies Act of Manitoba.

For information about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or assistance in dealing with your landlord, call the Residential Tenancies Branch (a provincial government agency that assists tenants and landlords). Call 204-945-2476 or 1-800-782-8403
· 302-254 Edmonton St., Winnipeg R3C 3Y4 · www.manitoba.ca/rtb

Non-Profit Housing - Non-profit housing organizations have developed affordable housing for people with low or moderate incomes.

WINNIPEG HOUSING REHABILITATION CORP. (WHRC)
204-949-2880 · www.whrc.ca · 140 -60 Frances Street R3A 1B5

DAKOTA OJIBWAY FIRST NATIONS HOUSING AUTHORITY INC. 204-988-5375

KINEW HOUSING CORPORATION · 204-956-5093
www.kinewhousing.ca · 201-424 Logan Avenue R3A 0R4

SAM MANAGEMENT · 204-942-0991 · www.sam.mb.ca
· 425 Elgin Avenue R3A 1P2

MURDOCH MANAGEMENT · 204-982-2000

NORTH END HOUSING PROJECT INC. · 204-415-6916
Affordable rental housing and manages property for people with health needs.

NORTH END COMMUNITY RENEWAL CORP. · 204-927-2333 www.necrc.org Affordable housing initiatives.

SPENCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION · 204-783-5000
www.spenceneighbourhood.org · A Spence neighborhood initiative which includes home ownership, safety, image enhancement and employment. skillsbank@spenceneighbourhood.org

NEW LIFE MINISTRIES · 204-775-4929 · www.newlifewinnipeg.com
Affordable rental housing.

New Journey Housing · 204-942-2238
www.newjourneyhousing.com
A resource centre for newcomer housing, New Journey Housing is a non-profit organization established to assist and train newcomers as they search for decent, affordable housing.

Mental Health Housing Programs and Services in Winnipeg

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, Winnipeg Region - REHABILITATION & RECOVERY SERVICE · 204-982-6100
930 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0P8
See Recovery and Empowerment section (page 4) for detailed description.

FRIENDS HOUSING INC. · 204-953-1160
100-890 Sturgeon Road, Winnipeg MB
Provides affordable supportive housing for people with a history of psychiatric illness as well as housing for young, low-income families.

WRHA - RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES
For inquiries, please call · 204-299-3805
Care provided, on a voluntary basis, in licensed and approved group homes for adults with a psychiatric diagnosis who have not been able to manage independently. Access to these facilities is through Community Mental Health Services. Offers 24 hour supervision.

SARA RIEL INC. · 204-237-9263 · www.sararielinc.com
66 Moore Avenue, Winnipeg MB
Safe, stable and affordable housing with the goal of living independently and autonomously.

SALVATION ARMY - THE HAVEN · 204-946-9404
180 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg MB
A residential licensed facility that provides supervised residential living for men ages 18-60 experiencing mental illness.

SENECA HOUSE · 204-231-0217
24 hour, 7 days a week, safe house for adults with mental health problems. Provides respite care and peer support. Phone ahead to ensure space and appropriateness of service. References required for first time guests.

Growth, Change and Hope

The daisy is a symbol of beauty, growth and hope. We see beauty within everyone.

Canadian Mental Health Association's Mission:

"The Canadian Mental Health Association, a nationwide, voluntary organization, promotes the mental health of all and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness. CMHA accomplishes this mission through advocacy, education, research and service."

Employment

- **ARTBEAT STUDIO**

Suite 4 – 62 Albert Street, R3B 1E9
204-943-5194 · www.artbeatstudio.ca

This community-based art studio accommodates artists to acquire a workspace where they might advance their artistic technique safely and securely. The artists are supported and mentored in managing their own workplace, production and marketing.

- **CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, WINNIPEG REGION REHABILITATION & RECOVERY SERVICE**

930 Portage Avenue, R3G 0P8 · 204-982-6100
winnipeg.cmha.ca/our-services/rehabilitation-recovery-services

See the Recovery & Empowerment section below for detailed description.

- **CLUBHOUSE OF WINNIPEG INC.**

172 Sherbrook Street, R3C 2B6 · 204-783-9400

Members work side-by-side with the staff during the 'work ordered day' to accomplish all of the jobs necessary for the operation of the Clubhouse. This included everything from cooking and maintenance to clerical and administrative duties and working in the Thrift Shop.

- **EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE/MARKETABILITIES PROGRAM**

www.gov.mb.ca

A specialized group of staff focused on working with EIA participants with disabilities who are interested in exploring employment. See an EIA Case Coordinator for more information.

- **EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE/REWARDING VOLUNTEER BENEFIT**

www.gov.mb.ca

EIA participants in the Persons With Disabilities category with approved volunteer plans will be provided a monthly financial benefit to assist with the costs of volunteering. See an EIA Case Coordinator for more information.

- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES · 3rd Floor - 294 Portage Avenue, R3C 0B9**

204-925-3490 · www.ofe.ca

Offers a range of services for job seekers to prepare individuals for the labour market and connect them with employers who are actively recruiting.

- **SAIR TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT SERVICES (STEPS)**

201 Scott Street, Winnipeg, R3C 2Z9
204-474-2303 · www.steps2work.ca

Specializes in assisting people with mental health, emotional or learning issues to identify, obtain and maintain employment.

- **S.S.C.O.P.E. INC.**

1466 Arlington Street, R2X 1T8
204-415-7900 · www.sscope.org

The prime focus is on creating and operating employment programs through social enterprises. SSCOPE operates a Moving Service, a Property Maintenance Service including lawn care and snow shovelling, vending machines, building cleaning services, a retail thrift shop and a Mobile food truck.

- **SARA RIEL INC. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES/WORK PLACEMENT FORCE**

66 Moore Avenue, R2M 2C4
204-237-9263 · www.sararielinc.com

The Employment Program delivers service in part through: skill development, workshops,

supported education, supported job search, marketing, work site support and counselling and referral services.

Recovery & Empowerment

Recovery is possible for everyone. It is a process. Recovery means that people with mental illness can live a meaningful life even though they may be dealing with symptoms of mental illness at times. Recovery means that you are not defined by your mental illness; it is only a part of you. As people begin to re-discover who they are, and what gifts they have to offer, the illness becomes less prominent in their lives. Recovery is about re-gaining meaningful roles in family and community life.

Empowerment is an issue of social justice and refers to the process that people go through to gain or regain the power and control over their own lives that is necessary for dignity and self-determination. It is a personal transformation which involves people moving from helpless, dependent victims to assertive, competent citizens.

Empowerment requires that people have access to the means to assume responsibility for their own lives and well being. People become empowered as they assume responsibility. Empowerment is also about having a voice. To be empowered means we have a right to speak for ourselves without requiring the permission or approval of others.

Rehabilitation & Recovery Service

is a service of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Winnipeg Region. We work in partnership with people 18 or over, who have a diagnosed mental health condition, including those with a co-occurring disorder (substance use or gambling and a mental health condition). This service is based on the belief that individuals with a mental health condition can recover and create a quality life for themselves. The rehabilitation we pursue with participants is about more than just finding a job, home, friend, or school. It involves helping the individual to recover or discover meaningful life roles like being a successful and satisfied employee, tenant, friend, or student. Using a step by step approach staff assist individuals to select a place to live, learn, work, or socialize from the broadest range of options, based on personal preferences, interests and skills. Participants identify goals, set a course of action, and work to achieve their goals. Developing the right skills, resources, and supports are important so that once the individual begins their new role they can achieve success and satisfaction and be able to maintain it. CMHA Winnipeg's Rehabilitation & Recovery Service also provides the following services:

- Parent Wellness Initiative - This service works together with single parents (mom or dad), age 18 and older, who have at least one child under the age of six, and who are enrolled in the single parent category of Employment and Income Assistance (EIA). The working partnership we build with individuals focuses on achieving goals related to: finding a place to live; acquiring meaningful employment or education; building positive relationships; identifying meaningful activities; and being an effective parent.
- Community Housing With Supports – works with 50 individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness or who have resided in transitional housing settings for an extended period. These individuals will be supported by a team of Rehabilitation Workers and Skills Coaches that will assist them to locate housing, establish their household and maintain their housing through the provision of supportive services within their housing and adjacent community. The team will use a holistic approach to identify client needs and work with the client in collaboration with existing health and social service providers and community resources to meet these needs. If you are interested in finding out more about our services please call 204-982-6100 · winnipeg.cmha.ca/our-services/rehabilitation-recovery-services

Exploring the Journey of Recovery Workshops

is offered by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Winnipeg Region. Participants start with a 3 hour introductory workshop that focuses on recovery, change and overall health and wellness. This is followed by an individual planning session with the workshop facilitator. During the

planning session the person will have the opportunity to develop their own recovery plan. The plan may include participation in other health, wellness and recovery workshops being offered or other recovery related activities. Workshops will be offered throughout the year. For information or to register, call the Canadian Mental Health Association, Winnipeg Region at 204-982-6100 · www.winnipeg.cmha.ca/programs_services/exploring-the-journey-of-recovery-workshops

Artbeat Studio, Inc.

A community based, peer directed art studio that enables consumers of mental health services to engage in creative expression for the purpose of promoting recovery and empowerment. · 62 Albert Street, 4th Floor · 204-943-5194
www.artbeatstudio.ca

Tell Your Story

Is a service of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Winnipeg Region. Tell Your Story will assist people with lived experience of mental illness to develop and enhance their personal skills focusing primarily on writing their story, telling their story, public speaking, and giving & receiving feedback. The goals for the program are to increase participation and build capacity for people living with mental health issues and to increase awareness and understanding of the lived experience of mental illness. For more information call 204-982-6100.

Community Mental Health Services at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

To access any of the following WRHA Community Mental Health Services for adults experiencing mental health problems, call 204-788-8330 CENTRAL INTAKE.

Adult Community Mental Health Services

Community Mental Health Program:

Provides Clinical Case Management services and supports in the 12 community areas throughout Winnipeg.

WRHA Mental Health Housing Services:

Must be referred by a Community Mental Health Worker.

Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT):

Provides Specialized Treatment, Rehabilitation, and Support services using a multidisciplinary team approach.

Co-occurring Disorders Initiative (CODI):

Provides Clinical Consultation, Case Management, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy, and Specialized Treatment Services.

Child & Adolescent Mental Health

- Addictions Foundation of Manitoba · 204-944-6367
- Centralized Intake for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program · 204-958-9660
- Kids Help Phone (National Line available to Manitoba Youth) 1-800-668-6868
- Klinik Crisis Line · 204-786-8686 or 1-888-322-3019
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre: Winnipeg · 204-925-0300
- Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre · 204-958-9660
- Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba · 204-786-0987 or 1-800-263-1460
- New Directions for Children, Youth, Adults, and Families 204-786-7051
- Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre · 204-589-5545
- RaY—Resource Assistance for Youth · 204-783-5617 or info@rayinc.ca
- Youth Crisis Stabilization System · 204-949-4777 or 1-888-383-2776
- Youth Resource Centre / Shelter · 204-477-1804 or toll free: 1-888-477-1804

• HOPES Support Group for young people between 15 - 30 years living with psychosis, schizophrenia or schizo-affective disorder. Please contact Manitoba Schizophrenia Society at 204-786-1616 for details.

Community Health Clinics
Community clinics offer a range of health services.

ACCESS DOWNTOWN
640 Main Street · 204-940-3638

ACCESS NorWest
785 Keewatin Street · 204-938-5900

ACCESS RIVER EAST
975 Henderson Highway · 204-938-5000

ACCESS TRANSCONA
845 Regent Avenue West · 204-938-5555

ACCESS Winnipeg West
280 Booth Drive · 204-940-2040

WRHA POINT DOUGLAS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
601 Aikins Street · 204-940-2025

HEALTH ACTION CENTRE
640 Main Street · 204-940-1626

HOPE CENTRE HEALTH CARE INC.
240 Powers Street · 204-589-8354

KLINIC COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
870 Portage Avenue · 204-784-4090

MOUNT CARMEL CLINIC
886 Main Street · 204-582-2311

PRIMARY CARE CLINIC - WRHA
1001 Corydon Avenue · 204-940-2000

SAUL SAIR HEALTH CENTRE - SILOAM MISSION
300 Princess Street · 204-943-0658

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC
3rd Floor, 419 Graham Avenue · 204-947-1517

YOUVILLE CENTRE
6-845 Dakota Street · 204-255-4840

ABORIGINAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE
215-181 Higgins Avenue · 204-925-3700

CENTRE DE SANTÉ SAINT BONIFACE
D-1048, 409 Taché Avenue · 204-235-3910

The EARLY PSYCHOSIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICE (EPPIS), a program that serves residents of Winnipeg, is designed to support young people between 13 and 35 years of age who are displaying symptoms of psychosis for the first time. Individuals can collaborate on a treatment plan with Psychiatrists and Mental Health Clinicians, which may include medication, group/family education sessions, and various support groups as well as individual and family counselling. EPPIS can be contacted at 204-940-8771 for further information.

What is Psychosis?

Psychosis...

- is a common medical condition affecting 3% of the population
- results from a disruption in brain functioning
- can radically alter a person's thoughts, beliefs, perceptions and behaviour
- affects males and females equally
- tends to emerge during adolescence and young adulthood
- is more likely to occur in families with a history of serious -mental illness
- can be effectively treated

Treatment is most effective when it is started early. With proper treatment, most people recover fully from the first episode of psychosis. For many, the first episode is also the last. If you suspect psychosis, don't ignore it!

Addictions

- PROVINCIAL ADULT ADDICTION INFORMATION LINE
(toll-free) 1-855-662-6605

- ADDICTIONS FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA

Residential and Community Treatment - Adults and Youth Prevention and Education programs,
Gambling Programs - province wide
1031 Portage Avenue · 204-944-6200
www.afm.mb.ca

- ADDICTIONS RECOVERY INC.

Supportive housing for men recovering from addiction · 204-586-2550

- AL-ANON/ALATEEN CENTRAL SERVICES MANITOBA

Self-help group for individuals who are concerned about a family member or a friend's drinking
107-2621 Portage Avenue · 204-943-6051

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MANITOBA

Members share their experience, strength and hope in recovering from alcoholism
1856 Portage Avenue · 204-942-0126
Toll Free 1-877-942-0126

- BEHAVIOURAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Residential Treatment
35 avenue de la Digue, St. Norbert · 204-269-3430

- COCAINE ANONYMOUS · 204-936-0000

- ESTHER HOUSE

Second stage housing for women
recovering from addiction · 204-582-4043

- FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

A support group for adults who are concerned about someone close to them who is using or abusing alcohol or drugs · 204-237-0336

- GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
· 204-582-4823

- LAUREL CENTRE
Counselling for women who have been sexually abused as children and have an addiction · 104 Roslyn Road · 204-783-5460

- MAIN STREET PROJECT INC.
Detoxification centre (non-medical) Emergency shelter
75 Martha Street · 204-982-8245

- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
· 204-981-1730

- NATIVE ADDICTIONS COUNCIL OF MANITOBA
Residential Treatment - culturally based programming
160 Salter Street · 204-586-8395

- NORTH END WOMEN'S CENTRE - ADDICTIONS RECOVERY PROGRAM
Operates transitional housing through the Addictions Continuing Recovery program at Chriss Tetlock Place and Betty Berg House. The housing is for women learning to live in recovery for up to one year. Intake for program and both houses is through Addictions Manager at 204-927-2428
394 Selkirk Avenue

- SALVATION ARMY ANCHORAGE PROGRAM
Residential Treatment - adults
180 Henry Avenue · 204-946-9401

- TAMARACK REHAB INC.
Second Stage addictions residential treatment - adults
60 Balmoral Street · 204-772-9836
Intake 204-775-1328

- YOUTH ADDICTIONS CENTRALIZED INTAKE SERVICE
1-877-710-3999 - province wide

Income Assistance

Employment and Income Assistance in Winnipeg

Based on the needs assessment, this service provides financial assistance so that single parent families, persons with disabilities, individuals and families who are unemployed, are able to provide for their basic needs. Training and employment supports are provided to assist participants in achieving financial independence through employment.

Family Services and Consumer Affairs has decentralized services for income assistance clients with the exception of adult clients without children.

Services for persons with disabilities, and adult clients with children are provided in Community Area offices throughout the city of Winnipeg. Each of the Community Area offices provides a full range of income assistance services at their location, ranging from intake to case management.

The offices are located as follows:

RIVER EAST / TRANSCONA
Access River East · 204-938-5100
975 Henderson Highway

Access Transcona · 204-938-5555
845 Regent Avenue West

ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA / ASSINIBOINE SOUTH
280 Booth Avenue · 204-940-2040
280 Booth Avenue · 204-940-1950

RIVER HEIGHTS / FORT GARRY
Unit 6, 677 Stafford Street
· 204-938-5500

ST. BONIFACE / ST. VITAL
Suite 100 - 614 rue Des Meurons
· 204-945-8040
· 204-945-2270 (French Services)
128A Market Avenue · 204-948-4196

DOWNTOWN EAST / WEST / MAIN STREET
Access Downtown · 204-940-8441
2nd floor, 640 Main Street
Downtown West · 204-940-8600
755 Portage Avenue
896 Main Street · 204-948-4306

POINT DOUGLAS
2A - 111 Rorie Street · 204-948-4001

SEVEN OAKS / INKSTER
Unit 3 - 1050 Leila Avenue · 204-938-5600
128B Market Avenue · 204-948-4056

Services for non-disabled clients without children are provided at:

EIA CENTRALIZED SERVICES
1-111 Rorie Street · 204-948-4000
After Hours Emergencies · 204-945-0183
www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/eia.html

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE
516 - 294 Portage Avenue · 204-989-1900
www.debthelpmanitoba.com

Provides assistance in budgeting, credit counselling and income tax service based on ability to pay. Provides information to people on their individual rights in dealing with income assistance and information on income assistance policies and procedures.

Community Financial Counselling Service
GAMBLING ADDICTION PROGRAM
· 204-989-1900

COMMUNITY UNEMPLOYED HELP CENTRE
501-275 Broadway Avenue · 204-942-6556
Helps workers with Employment Insurance concerns.

SEED WINNIPEG INC.
204-927-9935 · www.seedwinnipeg.ca
Offers Money Management Training and a Saving Circle program to assist low income individuals and families reach financial goals.

The Myths of Mental Illness

How much do you know about mental illness?

Here are some common myths and truths.

MYTH: People with mental illness are violent and dangerous. TRUTH: As a group, mentally ill people are no more violent than any other groups. In fact, they are more likely to be the victims of violence than to be violent themselves.

MYTH: People with mental illness are poor and/or less intelligent. TRUTH: Many studies show that most mentally ill people have average or above-average intelligence. Mental illness, like physical illness, can affect anyone regardless of intelligence, social class or income level.

MYTH: Mental illness is caused by a personal weakness. TRUTH: A mental illness is not a character flaw. It is an illness, and it has nothing to do with being weak or lacking will-power. Although people with mental illness can play a big part in their own recovery, they did not choose to become ill.

MYTH: Mental illness is a single, rare disorder. TRUTH: Mental illness is not a single disease but a broad classification for many disorders. Anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, personality disorders, eating disorders and organic brain disorders affect millions of Canadians every year. Source: www.cmha.ca Canadian Mental Health Association website.

Mental Health

Our mental health is an ever changing aspect of ourselves. Positive mental health is described as:

- emotional and psychological wellness
- positive self-concept, self-acceptance
- satisfying interpersonal relationships
- satisfaction in living
- feeling in control, taking personal responsibility for your actions and feelings
- ability to handle daily activities

By being self-aware we can take positive steps towards mental health when the balance is disrupted. Here are some simple ways to work toward regaining a balance...

- get adequate sleep
- eat a balanced diet
- get regular exercise
- practice relaxation techniques
- make time for pleasurable activities, hobbies, and work
- prioritize tasks, delegate, don't take on too much
- develop supportive relationships
- don't be overly critical of yourself
- focus on your strengths and abilities
- LAUGH!

Stress

18 Tips for Dealing with Stress and Tension

Stress and tension are normal reactions to events that threaten us. Such threats can come from accidents, financial troubles and problems on the job or with family.

The way we deal with these pressures has a lot to do with our mental, emotional and physical health.

The following are suggestions to get you started on managing the stress in your life:

1. Recognize your symptoms of stress.
2. Look at your lifestyle and see what can be changed - In your work situation, your family situation, or your schedule.
3. Use relaxation techniques - Yoga, meditation, deep breathing, or massage.
4. Exercise - Physical activity is one of the most effective stress remedies around!
5. Time management - Do essential tasks and prioritize the others. Consider those who may be affected by your decisions, such as family and friends. Use a check list; you will receive satisfaction as you check off completed jobs!
6. Watch your diet - Alcohol, caffeine, sugar, fats and tobacco all put a strain on your body's ability to cope with stress. A diet with a balance of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and foods high in protein but low in fat will help create optimum health. Contact your local Heart and Stroke Foundation for information about healthy eating.
7. Get enough rest and sleep.
8. Talk with others - Talk with friends, professional counsellors, support groups or relatives about what's bothering you.
9. Help others - Volunteer work can be an effective and satisfying stress reducer.
10. Get away for awhile - Read a book, watch a movie, play a game, listen to music or go on vacation. Leave yourself some time that's just for you.
11. Work off your anger - Get physically active, dig in the garden, start a project, or get your spring cleaning done.
12. Give in occasionally - Avoid quarrels whenever possible.
13. Tackle one thing at a time. Don't do too much at once.
14. Don't try to be perfect.
15. Ease up on criticism of others.
16. Don't be too competitive.
17. Make the first move to be friendly.
18. HAVE SOME FUN!! Laugh with people you enjoy!

Stress Stretch

When you are under stress, tension accumulates in your neck and jaw. Take a minute to gently and slowly move your head from front to back, side to side, and in a full circle. For your jaw, stretch your mouth open and slowly move your lower jaw from side to side and front to back. (NOTE: If you notice pain or if you have had any injuries to your back, neck or jaw, check with your doctor first.)

Set a SMART Goal (and achieve it!)

Unrealistic goals that never seem to be reached add to your stress level. Try setting one goal for

yourself this week using the SMART approach:
Specific - Pick one small goal and write it down.
Measurable - Can you count it or check it off a list?
Achievable - Is it realistic? If not, make it smaller.
Rewarded - Reward yourself when you reach your goal.
Time-limited - Set a specific, realistic date to finish or achieve your goal.

Comedy Break - Laugh at Stress

Set aside some time for laughter, your body's natural stress-release mechanism. Rent your favourite comedy movie, record a TV show that you know makes you laugh (and keep it on hand for stress emergencies), go to the library and borrow a book that can make you laugh, read the daily comics in the newspaper, or phone the funniest person you know!

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

Courses are now offered through the CMHA Winnipeg Region office. Call 982-6100 or visit www.winnipeg.cmha.ca/programs_services/mindfulness-based-stress-reduction for more information.

Walking Breaks

Walk away from stress instead of sitting down for another cup of stress-inducing caffeine on your coffee break, lunch hour or when you're at home by going for a stress relieving and energizing walk. If you don't like walking by yourself, try forming a walking club with two or three of your co-workers or friends.

For more information on Stress Management workshops check out www.localcourses.com

Source: www.cmha.ca Canadian Mental Health Association website.

The Manitoba Mental Health Act

The Mental Health Act is a provincial law that provides the legal framework by which individuals may be assessed and treated in a general hospital psychiatric unit, a psychiatric hospital or a mental health clinic. The intent of the Act is to balance an individual's need and right to treatment, the individual's civil rights not to be arbitrarily detained, and the need of society to prevent people from harming themselves or others when they are mentally ill.

Here are the key points for consumers to know:

1. How are people admitted to a psychiatric facility?

VOLUNTARY PATIENT

A person may request admission as a voluntary patient, in which case, a doctor must agree that admission is indicated. The vast majority of patients who are admitted to a psychiatric unit in a hospital are admitted voluntarily.

INVOLUNTARY PATIENT

Any doctor can make application for a psychiatric assessment based on his or her personal assessment that the individual is suffering from a mental disorder that likely will result in serious harm to themselves or another person, or will seriously deteriorate if not kept in a psychiatric facility.

- A police officer may be requested through a warrant or their emergency powers to bring a person to a psychiatric facility for assessment.
- A justice of the peace can issue a warrant to have a person taken to a psychiatric facility for assessment after receiving signed evidence from a citizen that this person may be a danger to themselves or others.

However, a person can only be admitted to a psychiatric facility as an involuntary patient if a psychiatrist believes that:

- the person may suffer from a mental disorder
- because of the mental disorder there is a likelihood that;
- the person may cause serious harm to him/herself or others

OR

- the person's condition may deteriorate mentally or physically AND
- the person needs treatment that can reasonably be provided only in a psychiatric facility
- the person refuses or lacks the capacity to agree to a voluntary admission.

A police officer who takes a person into custody for an involuntary medical examination must inform the person in writing:

- where the person is being taken
- the reason why they are being taken for an involuntary medical examination
- that they have a right to call a lawyer.

DISCHARGE

A person can be kept involuntarily in a psychiatric facility for up to 21 days. If not ready for discharge, the certificate can be renewed for up to 3 months. However, the psychiatrist can also change the person's status from involuntary to voluntary at any time if they no longer meet the conditions to be an involuntary patient. The patient must be informed of any change in status.

2. Can a person be forced to accept medication against their will?

If a person is considered to be mentally competent to decide on psychiatric treatment, they have the right to refuse or accept medication or treatment. An individual is considered competent to decide on psychiatric treatment if he or she has the ability to understand the nature of the illness for which treatment is proposed, the treatment recommended, and is able to appreciate the consequences of giving or withholding consent.

If a person is not mentally competent, the psychiatrist must get consent from a family member, committee, proxy or the public trustee before giving medication.

3. How can a person appeal decisions about their involuntary status or treatment in a psychiatric facility?

Review Board applications are available at the nursing station in each psychiatric facility.

A review board is an independent committee of 3 people who:

- May review involuntary status, mental competency, failure to comply with a health directive, competency to manage property, extension or cancellation of a leave certificate.
- May authorize treatment for a patient who is not mentally competent.
- May authorize the withholding of access of a patient to his or her clinical file.
- A Review Board hearing will take place within 21 days of the board receiving the application. A person is entitled to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer, advocate or person of their choice. A decision will be made within 2 - 3 days following the hearing.

4. Can an involuntary patient be discharged from a psychiatric facility?

A Certificate of Leave is a written agreement between a patient and a doctor that may be issued for a period of six months allowing an involuntary patient (who meets certain criteria) to live outside the psychiatric facility.

The certificate contains conditions specifying that the patient must report at specific times and

places for treatment. Once the certificate is issued, that patient becomes voluntary. If the patient does not report for treatment as agreed, the doctor can request the police to return the patient to the psychiatric facility.

5. Does a person have a right to see their hospital file?

YES. A person can apply in writing to the medical officer in charge of the psychiatric facility to see and/or copy the clinical record. The person needs to give their name, address, date of birth and date(s) of hospitalization. The hospital can charge a fee for administration and copying. It is important to inform Medical Records if a person cannot afford the fee. Most facilities will adjust or waive the fee.

Within 7 days of receiving a written request, the medical officer may either grant the request to see the file (which is usual), or may apply to the Review Board for permission to withhold all or part of the clinical file. If there is incorrect information in the file, a correction can be requested, or a statement of disagreement can be added to the record.

The Review Board can order the medical officer to give access to the clinical file unless the board believes that this would likely cause:

- a) serious harm to a person's treatment or recovery OR
- b) serious physical or emotional harm to someone else.

6. If you need specific information regarding the Mental Health Act and your rights call:

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, Winnipeg Region
930 Portage Avenue · 204-982-6100

MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW BOARD
102-500 Portage Avenue · 204-945-6050

LEGAL AID MANITOBA
1st Floor - 287 Broadway Avenue · 204-985-8500 or 1-800-261-2960

OMBUDSMAN MANITOBA
750 - 500 Portage Avenue · 204-982-9130

COPIES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM STATUTORY PUBLICATIONS · 204-945-3101 OR www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving/mh/act.html

Rights

People need to know their rights as patients and consumers of services and how to exercise these rights when there are problems. Knowing where to take concerns and complaints is important.

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, WINNIPEG REGION
204-982-6100 · winnipeg.cmha.ca/our-services/rights-consultation
Rights Consultant. This service helps people with a mental illness to be heard in the way they wish to be heard when there are problems with the services they are using.

COMMUNITY UNEMPLOYED HELP CENTRE
204-942-6556 · 275 - 501 Broadway · www.cuhc.mb.ca
CUHC is primarily dedicated to providing information, advice and representation to unemployed workers in Manitoba experiencing Employment Insurance and Employment and Income Assistance problems.

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

204-947-0194 · www.ilrc.mb.ca

Provides advocacy, information and resources to all people with disabilities.

INDEPENDENT TENANT ADVISOR - RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES

204-881-1714 · 302-254 Edmonton Street

Provides information to all tenants representing themselves in residential tenancy matters and provides representation to qualified renters. ·

www.gov.mb.ca/fs/cca/rtb/advisor/lantenadvisor.html

LEGAL HELP CENTRE

204-258-3096 · www.legalhelpcentre.ca

202-393 Portage Avenue, (Second floor of Portage Place at the west end of the mall)

Answers questions about legal processes in Manitoba, provides workshops on legal topics, provides help accessing community services, and provides legal help from law students for those who qualify.

MANITOBA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

204-945-3007 · www.gov.mb.ca/hrc

Receives, investigates and attempts to resolve complaints of unlawful discrimination and harassment.

MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW BOARD

204-945-6050

Under the Mental Health Act, patients have the right to appeal certain aspects of their admission or treatment in a psychiatric facility.

OMBUDSMAN MANITOBA

204-982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531 · www.ombudsman.mb.ca

An office independent of government that receives inquiries and complaints from people who believe they have been treated unfairly by departments and agencies of the provincial government or by a municipal government; and those who have concerns about their requests for access to information, or about the privacy of their personal health information.

PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION ACT (PHIA)

204-788-6612 · www.gov.mb.ca/health/phia

To protect your right to privacy, PHIA sets rules for trustees when they collect, use, or share your personal health information. For more information on PHIA, contact Manitoba Health.

THE PROTECTION FOR PERSONS IN CARE OFFICE

204-788-6366 · www.gov.mb.ca/health/protection/

This office receives and investigates reports of suspected abuse against adults receiving care in personal care homes, hospitals or any other designated health facilities.

SOCIAL SERVICES APPEAL BOARD

204-945-3003 or 204-945-3005 · www.gov.mb.ca/fs/ssab/index.html

The Social Services Appeal Board is an independent appeal board for decisions about Employment and Income Assistance.

WINNIPEG HOSPITALS HAVE PATIENT ADVOCATES OR PATIENT REPRESENTATIVES

who can follow up on concerns around patient care. Call the hospital switchboard for contact number.

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE – FAIR PRACTICES OFFICE

204-945-1047 or toll free 1-800-282-8069 ext. 1047 · 725 – 175 Hargrave Street

If you feel you have not received fair treatment when dealing with Employment and Income Assistance and you have been unable to resolve the issue through the normal process, you can

contact the Fair Practices Office.

A WOMAN'S PLACE - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT AND LEGAL SERVICES

Provides support, advocacy, and free legal consults as well as representation to women exiting abusive relationships. 204-940-1966 · 200-323 Portage Avenue

Counselling or Therapy

In addition to medical treatment, professional counselling or therapy is often beneficial in the treatment of mental health problems or mental illnesses. Counselling may address one or more of the following issues:

- effective coping strategies for daily living
- relationships and family communication
- changing negative thought patterns
- dealing with loss and grief
- childhood issues of abuse, neglect or trauma
- crisis planning
- managing emotions in a healthy way
- problem-solving
- building self-awareness and self-esteem
- developing new skills

Counselling can come from a number of perspectives and may be focused on particular issues. Examples of different perspectives may include feminist or faith-based approaches. Sometimes counselling is focused on a particular issue such as domestic abuse, past childhood abuse, or specifically for men. When choosing a counsellor or counselling organization, ask questions about the perspective and focus to make sure it fits with your values, beliefs, and needs.

Finding a Counsellor

- Ask your doctor for a referral to a qualified counsellor (a referral may be required by the counsellor or by your insurance plan to receive coverage).
- See the Yellow Pages under Counsellors.
- Your employer may have an Employee Assistance Program (E.A.P.) that provides free confidential counselling or referral to counselling.
- Check if your private medical insurance plan covers professional counselling.
- Contact this professional organization: Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers · 204-888-9477 · www.mirsw.mb.ca
- Or call one of the agencies listed below.

KLINIC COMMUNITY DROP-IN COUNSELLING SERVICE

204-784-4067

Drop-in counselling is available at two locations in Winnipeg. Call for locations and times or visit www.klinik.mb.ca and go to "counselling services." These social service agencies provide low cost or no cost professional counselling:

- AULNEAU RENEWAL CENTRE
228 Hamel Avenue · 204-987-7090
- AURORA FAMILY THERAPY CENTRE
University of Winnipeg · 204-786-9251
- CENTRE DE SANTÉ SAINT BONIFACE
|D-1048, 409 Taché Avenue · 204-235-3910
- CENTRE RENAISSANCE CENTRE
844 Autumnwood Drive · 204-256-6750

- CORNERSTONE COUNSELLING SERVICE
302-1200 Portage Avenue · 204-663-0050

- EVOLVE (KLINIC COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE)
870 Portage Avenue · 204-784-4208
(Specializes in domestic abuse issues)

- EYAA-KEEN HEALING CENTRE
547 Notre Dame Avenue · 204-783-2976 or 1-877-423-4648
Aboriginal Traditional based therapeutic trauma treatment and psychological rehabilitation ·
www.eyaa-keen.org

- FAMILY DYNAMICS
4th Floor, Portage Place · 204-947-1401

- FORT GARRY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE
1150-A Waverley Street · 204-477-1123

- HOPE CENTRE HEALTH CARE
240 Powers Street · 204-589-8354

- IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S COUNSELLING SERVICES, NOR' WEST CO-OP
785 Keewatin Street · 204-938-5900

- JEWISH CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE
C200-123 Doncaster Street · 204-477-7430

- KLINIC COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
870 Portage Avenue · 204-784-4090
TRAUMA COUNSELLING INTAKE · 204-784-4059
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE · 204-786-8686

- MA MAWI WI CHI ITATA CENTRE
94 McGregor Street · 204-925-0300

- MEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE
115 Pulford Street · 204-415-6797 ext. 250 or 1-855-672-6727

- MOUNT CARMEL CLINIC - Multicultural Wellness Program
886 Main Street · 204-589-9475

- NEW DIRECTIONS PARENTING CENTRE
301-321 McDermot Avenue · 204-956-6560

- NOR' WEST CO-OP COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
785 Keewatin Street · 204-938-5900

- NORTH END WOMEN'S CENTRE
394 Selkirk Avenue · 204-589-7347

- PREGNANCY & FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES INC.
555 Spence Street · 204-772-9091

- PLURI-ELLES
570 rue des Meurons · 204-233-1735 (services francophone families)

- RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTRE
170 Scott Street · 204-452-7508
Issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity

- RECOVERY OF HOPE COUNSELLING
102-900 Harrow Street East · 1055 Molson Street
Centralized Intake Line 204-477-4673 or 1-866-493-6202

- THE LAUREL CENTRE
104 Roslyn Road · 204-783-5460

- WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC
3rd Floor, 419 Graham Avenue · 204-947-1517

- YOUVILLE CENTRE
33 Marion Street · 204-233-0262
6-845 Dakota Street · 204-255-4840

Peer Support Phone Line
• SENECA WARM LINE · 204-942-9276
(available 7:00pm - 11:00pm daily)

Alternative or Complementary Therapies

If you consider alternative or complementary therapies, it is important to discuss these with your doctor so they can assess if the therapy will interfere with your medical treatment.

It may be helpful to ask the following questions when exploring alternative treatments:

- How does the treatment work?
- What is the cost of treatment?
- How frequent are treatments required?
- What training do practitioners receive and are they registered or licensed?
- What results may be expected?

SOME ORGANIZATIONS YOU CAN CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REFERRAL:

Manitoba Naturopathic Association
204-947-0381

Massage Therapy Association of Manitoba
204-927-7979 · www.mtam.mb.ca

Reflexology Association of Canada
www.reflexolog.org

Therapeutic Touch Network
204-489-7977 or 204-452-1107

Finding a Clinical Psychologist **Clinical Psychology**

Clinical psychologists are able to diagnose mental health disorders/conditions, conduct comprehensive mental health assessments, and provide a variety of empirically supported treatments.

The Manitoba Psychological Society's website (www.mps.ca) provides information on accessing both private practice and publically funded psychologists.

The Psychological Service Centre, a service offered through the University of Manitoba, has a mandate to train graduate students in the discipline of clinical psychology and serve as a community resource to those in need. Referrals are accepted for therapy and assessment from the general public during regular academic session (September to April annually). Services are provided at no charge, however space is limited; therefore, service cannot be guaranteed to all those on the waiting list. It is also important to note that most services are unavailable during the summer months. 161 Dafoe Building, University of Manitoba, 204-474-9222, Fax: 204-474-6297, http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/psych_services/

School Based Mental Health Services:

Unless you have had direct contact with school based clinical services, you may not be aware that services are available in most Winnipeg schools and in many schools throughout the province. School Psychologists are mental health specialists who partner with parents, schools, and others in the community. School Psychologists provide a continuum of services that include education, advocacy, assessment and various treatment approaches. Focusing on such areas as resiliency, competence, and self-esteem, School Psychologists can help students develop positive mental health practices that can last a life time. Accessible through the school system, this confidential and free service is often the entry point for mental health services for children and youth. So if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's functioning and/or mental health, help may be found in your local school through your School Psychologist.

Social Activities

Being part of interesting activities and having friends are important. They give us something to care about and add meaning to our lives. The following are some helpful hints in locating activities and finding out the information you need to decide if an activity or club is for you.

Gathering Information...

Local community newspapers (eg. The Metro, The Times) as well as the "Winnipeg Neighbours" (published by the Winnipeg Free Press every Wednesday), are good sources of information about activities and interest groups or hobby clubs throughout Winnipeg. Interest or hobby clubs are very open to new members and all that is required is an interest in the club and its activities. Other good sources of information about types of clubs or other activities include:

- "Contact" Community Resource Guide - available at your local library or www.contactmb.org
- the Yellow Pages phone book under specific topics of interest, 'clubs' or 'associations'
- public bulletin boards at libraries or in the community
- shopping malls or grocery stores and community organizations

Friends, relatives and acquaintances are usually more than willing to tell us about their experience and knowledge of social activities.

Getting Involved...

After locating an activity or club you find interesting, there may still be certain information you want or need before making a decision. Often a phone number and/or contact person is listed. Possible questions you may want to ask are:

- Are there any costs involved in participating in the activity or group? Is membership required?
- When and where is the activity/event? Is it accessible by bus? What happens at the activity?
- Who attends the activity or club? (eg. men and women or a mix of both, age range of people who attend, how many people attend or are members)
- Are there any specific skills needed to attend or become a member?
- How are new people welcomed?

Sharing the Fun...

Going to new places or meeting new people is not always easy and can be stressful. It may help to go with a friend or let the contact person know you are coming. They will often make a point of looking for you and perhaps introduce you to others. It takes time to meet others and feel comfortable in a new setting. Give yourself and the activity a chance. You may be pleasantly surprised!

Recreation

The City of Winnipeg Community Services Department provides a variety of recreation, leisure and sports programming throughout Winnipeg. People with a disability or special needs are encouraged to participate in regular programs. For these programs the Department may be able to offer support, such as a leisure attendant or consider a fee waiver if financial limitations prevent participation. For information, call 311.

Information on programs can be found at www.winnipeg.ca/leisureonline or a Leisure Guide can be picked up at various locations throughout the city.

CITY OF WINNIPEG ADAPTED SERVICES

Individuals of all ages with a special need are invited and encouraged to participate in all community programs offered within the Leisure Guide. Every effort will be made to modify programs to suit individual needs and ensure a positive recreation experience. For more program information call 311.

YMCA-YWCA OF WINNIPEG, DOWNTOWN BRANCH

301 Vaughan Street · 204-947-3044

A reduced membership may be available by going in person to the downtown branch and asking for a membership assistance appointment.

WELLNESS INSTITUTE AT THE SEVEN OAKS GENERAL HOSPITAL

1075 Leila Avenue · 204-632-3900

www.wellnessinstitute.ca

Offers a variety of health and wellness programs.

Skill Building

YMCA-YWCA Learning and Leisure Centre

This community based program is for adults who have experienced mental illness and require support to attain/maintain recovery and live satisfying lives. Services include a variety of skill building courses and workshops; social activity groups; a family education group; and the opportunity to use the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg health and fitness facilities. Intake is done continually throughout the year. Self-referrals are accepted as well as referrals from professionals. Individuals with co-occurring substance use or gambling disorders are welcome. Call 204-989-4194 for more information.

Community Therapy Services Inc.

Support and Consultation for Independent Living

Occupational Therapists in this program work with adults recovering from serious mental illness who lack experience or have difficulty with independent living skills such as money management, meal preparation, household and community management, etc. Therapists complete functional assessments and assist individuals to gain independence through developing skills and/or accessing supports for improved success in community living. CTS therapists can also assist individuals with physical limitations to become more independent through identifying appropriate equipment, home adaptations, and other interventions.

Call 204-949-0533 for more information or to access.

Get Better Together

A program for living better with chronic disease. Get Better Together is a free six-week program to take control of your health and be better able to: manage pain, start an exercise program, eat well to live well, use medications effectively, deal with fatigue and frustration, increase your energy level, solve problems and meet personal goals, and talk to your doctor and make choices. Call 204-632-3927 to register. Visit www.wellnessinstitute.ca for more information.

Websites

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
www.afm.mb.ca

Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba
www.adam.mb.ca

BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information
www.heretohelp.bc.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association
NATIONAL OFFICE · www.cmha.ca
CMHA Winnipeg and CMHA Manitoba ·
www.winnipeg.cmha.mb.ca

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
www.camh.net

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (U.S.)
www.samhsa.gov

Debtors Anonymous
www.debtorsanonymous.org

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
www.dbsalliance.org

Manitoba Health – Mental Health and Spiritual Care
www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving/mh/index.html

Manitoba Schizophrenia Society
www.mss.mb.ca

Mary Ellen Copeland Wellness Recovery Action Plan
www.mentalhealthrecovery.com

Mental Health Commission of Canada
www.mentalhealthcommission.ca

Mental Health First Aid Canada
www.mentalhealthfirstaid.ca

Mental Health Works Program - CMHA Manitoba Division
www.mentalhealthworks.ca

Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba
www.mooddordersmanitoba.ca

Mood Disorders Society of Canada
www.mooddisorderscanada.ca

National Alliance on Mental Illness
www.nami.org

National Eating Disorder
Information Centre
www.nedic.ca

National Empowerment Center
www.power2u.org

National Institute of Mental Health
www.nimh.nih.gov

National Network for Mental Health
www.nnmh.ca

Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation
www.ocfoundation.org

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Centre Manitoba
www.ocdmanitoba.ca

Overeaters Anonymous
www.oa.org

Postpartum Depression Association of Manitoba
www.ppdmanitoba.ca

Public Health Agency of Canada
www.publichealth.gc.ca

Sara Riel Inc.
www.sararielinc.com

Schizophrenia Society of Canada
www.schizophrenia.ca

Turning Leaf Services
www.turningleafservices.com

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
www.wrha.mb.ca

Wellness Institute at Seven Oaks General Hospital
www.wellnessinstitute.ca

Winnipeg Rental Network
www.winnipegrentnet.ca

Self-Help Organizations

The Winnipeg community offers a variety of self-help groups which provide the opportunity for consumers, family members and the general public to gather information, receive peer support,

obtain counselling and find out about available resources. Other services offered may include advocacy, support groups, workshops, social opportunities and public education.

Please refer to website listing on page 9 for more information.

ANXIETY DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
100-4 Fort Street · 204-925-0600

- DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS · 204-772-1037

For individuals affected by both chemical dependency and an emotional or psychiatric illness.

- EATING DISORDERS ANONYMOUS · 204-990-8816.

Call for information about meeting times and location.

- EATING DISORDER FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

If someone you love has an eating disorder, the Provincial Eating Disorder Prevention and Recovery program offers a free monthly family support group. Call 204-947-2422 ext 137 to register.

- EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS · 204-269-6248

- INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCE CENTRE

311A-393 Portage Avenue · 204-947-0194

Information and referral, peer support, individual advocacy, development of independent living skills, resource/service development and a resource library for people with all types of disabilities.

- MANITOBA SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY

100-4 Fort Street · 204-786-1616 or 1-800-263-5545

- MOOD DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA

100-4 Fort Street · 204-786-0987 or (Toll Free) 1-800-263-1460

Postpartum Warmline · 204-391-5983

- OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER CENTRE MANITOBA, INC.

100 - 4 Fort Street · 204-942-3331

- OPERATIONAL STRESS INJURY SOCIAL SUPPORT

(OSISS) Offers community resource information and referral, education, and peer support to military members, veterans and their families who have been impacted by an operational stress injury (OSI) as a result of operational duties.

Contact 204-831-3420 · www.deerlodge.mb.ca/osi.html

- OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS · 204-334-9008 · www.aa.org

- POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA

is a local online resource with information on postpartum depression, resources, and getting help. www.ppdmanitoba.ca

- PROVINCIAL EATING DISORDER PREVENTION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM

Offers community based services to women and men ages 16 and older who experience disordered eating or eating disorders, including compulsive or binge eating. Also provide wellness workshops about body image, emotional eating, health, and self-esteem for clients, community members, families, and service providers. 204-947-2422 ext. 137

- PUBLICATIONS

www.moodsmag.com · www.mentalhealthrecovery.com

• RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTRE · 204-474-0212

This centre is a not-for-profit community organization that provides support, education, programming and resources to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and two-spirit communities of Manitoba and North Western Ontario. www.rainbowresourcecentre.org

• SENECA WARM LINE

Available 7:00pm-11:00pm daily · 204-942-9276

Offers peer support, help with problem-solving and information about community resources to those who are struggling with mental health and life issues.

• S.P.E.A.K. SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION AWARENESS

KNOWLEDGE · 242-870 Portage Avenue · 204-784-4064

• THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

685 William Avenue · 204-787-4896 · www.tcfwinnipeg.org

Resource library, support meetings, drop-in, newsletter, workshops, and telephone friends for bereaved parents.

Mental Health Education Resource Centre (MHERC)

Operated by the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society

What is MHERC?

MHERC provides educational resources on mental health and mental illness to consumers and their families, caregivers, service providers, educators, and the general public. The MHERC resources are available for loan, free of charge, to all Manitobans. MHERC services include:

LENDING LIBRARY – MHERC has a comprehensive collection of resources, including books, videos, CDs, journals, magazines, newsletters and pamphlets.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL – MHERC staff are able to provide information on provincial mental health services, community presentations and workshops, and self-help organizations.

PUBLIC-USE COMPUTERS – 2 on-site public-use computers are available for Internet research and word processing. Printing service is also available.

WEBSITE – www.mherc.mb.ca

MHERC

100 - 4 Fort Street

204-942-6568

1-855-942-6568

Contact Community Information

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE

This service publishes a Community Resource Guide for Winnipeg and Manitoba which includes information on community programs, voluntary agencies and self-help groups.

Callers can be referred to an appropriate agency by calling 204-287-8827 or 1-866-266-4636, Monday to Friday: 9:00 am -4:30 pm · www.contactmb.org

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid is a 12 hour course now being offered in Winnipeg. Mental Health First Aid is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. For more information on the program, visit the Mental Health First Aid Canada

website at www.mhfa.ca. For information on local courses, visit www.winnipeg.cmha.ca.

CMHA National has produced a series of information brochures on a variety of mental health topics. These brochures are available to individuals at CMHA Winnipeg Region at 930 Portage Avenue. (Organizations may purchase quantities of the brochures.) These brochures are available through: www.cmha.ca

Additional Information

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT INQUIRY · 1-866-626-4862 or 204-945-3744 www.gov.mb.ca
This service provides information and referral to provincial government services.

FOR SENIORS

- Age and Opportunity · 204-956-6440
 - Geriatric Mental Health Teams
- Intake: 204-982-0140 · Fax: 204-982-0144
- Partners Seeking Solutions with Seniors
- Peer support line · 204-237-5918
www.solutionsforseniors.cimnet.ca
- Province Wide Seniors Abuse Line · 1-888-896-7183

HEALTH LINKS - INFO SANTÉ · 204-788-8200 (toll free) 1-888-315-9257

This 24 hour health information and referral assistance line is staffed by registered nurses.

PROVINCE WIDE TELEPHONE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

- Hospice & Palliative Care Manitoba
- Bereavement telephone support by trained volunteers
- for more information, call 1-800-539-0295

LAW PHONE-IN AND LAWYER REFERRAL PROGRAM

501-294 Portage Avenue · 204-943-2305 or 1-800-262-8800

This program provides legal information, not advice, on specific cases to callers at no charge. The program also refers individuals to lawyers with preferred areas of practice and to other legal agencies.

TURNING LEAF (INC.) is a community based, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing helpful services to those experiencing intellectual challenge and mental illness. These services are made up of caring, skilled community members. These Turning Leaf community members are dedicated to helping those experiencing intellectual challenge and mental illness. They are also deeply committed to working with the participant in addressing the seemingly insurmountable obstacles that those experiencing intellectual challenge and/or mental illness face every day: discrimination, poverty, stigma, isolation, loneliness. 204-221-5594 ext. 203, www.turningleafservices.com

Medication

Medication can be one aspect of a treatment plan for people with mental illnesses. It can control the acute symptoms and prevent relapse of both schizophrenia and mood disorders. However, medication does not cure mental illness - only controls it. Medication has factors to consider such as drawbacks-side effects, time necessary to be effective and cost. For these reasons it may be necessary to try several different medications and adjust the dosage several times before you find the combination that is right for you.

The following information is meant as a general guide only. There are a wide variety of medications available for the treatment of mental health disorders. It is important to talk to your doctor, pharmacist, and other health care providers about all your medications - including the ones that you may be taking for other conditions.

Try to go to the same pharmacist for all your prescriptions. If you experience side effects from any medication, or if you have a medication allergy, talk to both your doctor and pharmacist about it. Don't stop or change your dose of medication without talking to your doctor first.

In Manitoba, your pharmacist is required to discuss with you, in an atmosphere of confidentiality and privacy, the following information about your prescription medication:

- The drug name
- What the drug does
- How and at what time the drug should be taken
- Importance of taking the drug as directed, regularly or when needed
- What to do if the dose is missed
- Common side effects
- Food, drink, other drugs or activities to avoid
- Special Storage Requirements

Remember that the use of alcohol with any medication is potentially dangerous.

The following are descriptions of general sub-categories of medications commonly used - many of these medications are used across a range of mental health disorders.

Antipsychosis Medications

Also known as neuroleptics or major tranquilizers, antipsychotics medications are used to treat acute psychotic illnesses, such as: schizophrenia and mania.

SIDE EFFECTS include drowsiness, dizziness, dry mouth, movement problems and stiff muscles. Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) or involuntary movements may occur when they are used for longer periods of time. Managing side effects may be achieved by changing doses, changing medications, or taking medications for movement side effects, for example: benztropine, procyclidine, and trihexyphenidyl.

Antidepressants

Antidepressants are used to treat and control depression.

SIDE EFFECTS include: dry mouth, blurred vision, difficulty urinating, constipation, sedation, and dizziness. These medications take several weeks to reach their full effect. Antidepressants work in the nervous system, some antidepressants are also used in other conditions such as pain.

Mood Stabilizers

These are used to treat people in the state of great excitement and emotional stress, for example acute mania. Lithium is the most common. These can take several weeks to work.

SIDE EFFECTS include lethargy, trembling, nausea, diarrhea, frequent urination, and mental functioning problems. Regular blood tests are needed for therapeutic effect. Carbamazepine, valproic acid, topiramate, are also used as mood stabilizers because their action is in the nervous system. In some people, these drugs can have fewer side effects.

Antianxiety Medications

Also known as tranquilizers or sedatives, antianxiety medications are used to relieve the distress of anxiety.

SIDE EFFECTS include sedation, lethargy, depression, difficulty concentrating, and memory problems. Dependency can occur if they are used for long periods of time.

The following sub-categories are meant to be general - many of these medications can be used across a range of mental health disorders.

- **ANTIDEPRESSANTS**

- MAOI's (Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors)
- Phenelzine
- Tranylcypromine
- Moclobemide
- SSRI's (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors)
- Citalopram
- Escitalopram
- Fluoxetine
- Fluvoxamine
- Paroxetine, immediate-release
- Paroxetine, controlled-release
- Sertraline
- Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors
- Desvenlafaxine
- Duloxetine
- Venlafaxine
- Tricyclic Antidepressants
- Amitriptyline
- Clomipramine
- Desipramine
- Doxepin
- Imipramine
- Nortriptyline
- Trimipramine
- Tetracyclic Antidepressants
- Maprotiline
- Dual-Action Antidepressants
- Bupropion
- Mirtazapine
- Trazodone

- **ANTI-ANXIETY**

- Benzodiazepines

- **ANTIPSYCHOTICS**

- Antipsychotics second-generation
- Aripiprazole (Abilify)
- Olanzapine (Zyprexa, Zyprexa Zydis, generics)
- Quetiapine extended-release (Seroquel XR, generics)
- Risperidone (Risperdal Preparations, generics)
- Natural Health Products
- Omega-3 fatty acids
- S-AdoMet (S-adenosyl-L-methionine)
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

Herbal or Natural Remedies

If you are considering an herbal or natural remedy, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are considering using the remedy. They will provide information, advise you whether it will be suitable for you or if it will interfere with other medication you are using. If you have a problem with the remedy, they may be able to help you solve it.

Medication Information Line for Everyone (MILE) - Provides answers and sound advice to medication related questions and/or concerns. Educates callers regarding therapeutic use of drugs, adverse drug reactions, significant side effects, drug misuse and drug interactions.

204-474-6493 or 1-800-432-1960 ext 6493

Talk to your pharmacist for more information about your medications. They are there to help you!

Mental Illness

Mental illnesses can affect a person's mood and cause difficulties in a person's ability to think and relate to others. Mental illness may affect our ability to cope with the demands of daily life. Mental illnesses can occur at any age and affect people of all cultures.

There are many possible causes of mental illness including biochemical, genetic, social, psychological or environmental.

When you first seek help, a mental health professional will want to assess the symptoms in order to diagnose the problem and decide on the best treatment. A diagnosis is not always easy to make.

Here is a list of common mental illnesses and symptoms:

Anxiety Disorders

- affects about 12% of Canadians.
- includes generalized anxiety, phobias (involuntary but intense fear of objects, animals or situations) and panic attacks (repeated episodes of intense, sudden fear and physical symptoms such as difficulty breathing, sweating, heart racing).
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) is another anxiety disorder in which a person is unable to control the repetition of unwanted thoughts or actions.
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can affect anyone who has survived a severe and unusual physical or emotional trauma. People may re-experience the trauma through nightmares or flashbacks and may also experience anxiety, insomnia, poor memory and difficulty concentrating.

Mood Disorders

(depression and bipolar disorders)

- affects up to 10% of Canadians.
- people with mood disorders experience the "highs" and "lows" of life with greater intensity and longer than most people.
- depressive symptoms include feelings of sadness, changes in eating patterns, disturbed sleep, lack of energy, inability to enjoy life, difficulty concentrating and making decisions, impaired sex-drive, feelings of helplessness and hopelessness that can lead to thoughts of death or suicide.
- bipolar symptoms include periods of depression and periods of feeling "high" or euphoric, which can lead to impaired judgement and insight, extreme irritability, excessive energy and difficulty concentrating.

Schizophrenia

- affects 1% of Canadians, with the onset usually in the late teens or twenties.
- symptoms may include disturbed thought processes, delusions (false or irrational beliefs), hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that do not exist) and odd behaviour.
- other symptoms include social withdrawal, depression, lack of interest, and difficulty expressing emotions.
- the number and severity of episodes vary.

Eating Disorders

- common in men and women under the age of 30.
- anorexia nervosa, the most common, is a serious illness that involves drastic weight loss due to fasting and excessive exercise. This illness can become life-threatening.
- bulimia involves binge eating followed by self-induced vomiting and the abuse of laxatives.

Personality Disorders

- A personality disorder is a type of mental illness in which a person has trouble perceiving and relating to situations and to people. There are many specific types of personality disorders.
- In general, a person with a personality disorder has a rigid and unhealthy pattern of thinking and behaving, no matter what the situation. This leads to significant problems and limitations in relationships, social encounters, work and school.
- In some cases, the person may not realize they have a personality disorder because their way of thinking and behaving seems natural to them, and they may blame others for the challenges they face. Source: www.mayoclinic.com

Organic Brain Disorders

- affects about 1% of people as a result of physical disease or injury to the brain.
- disorders include Alzheimer's disease, AIDS dementia complex (caused by damage to brain cells by the HIV virus), and damage from strokes and accidents.

These Organizations offer Information & Support for Organic Brain Disorders:

- ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF MANITOBA
204-943-6622 Toll Free 1-800-378-6699 · www.alzheimer.mb.ca
- LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
204-774-1821 · www.LDAmanitoba.org
- MANITOBA BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION
204-975-3280 Toll Free 1-866-327-1998 · www.mbia.ca
- SOCIETY FOR MANITOBANS WITH DISABILITIES
204-975-3010 or TTY 204-975-3012
- STROKE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
204-942-2880 · www.strokerecovery.ca
- FASD INFORMATION MANITOBA
1-866-877-0050
- FASD LIFE'S JOURNEY INC.
204-772-1591
- INITIATIVES FOR JUST COMMUNITIES TOUCHSTONE FASD PROGRAM
204-925-1928
- MANITOBA FASD CENTRE
204-235-8866 · www.fasdmanitoba.com

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www.wrha.mb.ca

Search WRHA Health Services Directory Online to find health services near you.

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