

The Gatehouse Mentor Training Begins – Opportunities for volunteers

The Gatehouse Mentor Program is part of a larger agenda of activities under Phase 2 of the Cornwall Public Inquiry – healing and reconciliation in Cornwall.

Mentor support is a one-to-one supportive relationship for adults who have a history of childhood sexual abuse, and is intended as one way to facilitate the end of social isolation and the beginning of social reconnection.

Trained volunteer mentors are matched with adults dealing with the effects of childhood sexual abuse, and provide a range of informal and flexible supports. Support can include social outings, telephone calls, attendance at court, or a variety of other services, dependant on the participant's needs.

The Gatehouse Mentor Training Program will begin September 17, 2007. The schedule for this training is as follows: Monday September 17 from 6-9pm, Wednesday September 19, from 6-9pm, Friday September 21 from 6-9pm, Saturday September 22 from 9-4pm, Sunday September 23 from 9-4pm. The training will be held at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit located at 1000 Pitt St. Cornwall. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact Jamie Marsolais at 613-933-1375, ext. 226.

If you are interested in being matched with a trained mentor, please contact Jamie at the same place and number.