



**Moncton Youth
Residences Inc.**
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MYR HISTORY

In 1985, the provincial government asked Moncton Boys/Girls Club Inc. to assume control and direction of a parent model group home, Peer One, which was disbanding. Out of that initial impulse, emerged a new agency, Moncton Youth Residences Inc. In 1985, upon direct request of the Dept. of Health and Community Services, it became a separate and autonomous agency.

MYR's first home, on Drummond Street, housed young offenders and youth from the child welfare system. In 1986, a second, six-bed home was mandated, locating eventually on Snow Avenue, for behaviourally and emotionally disturbed adolescents. Drummond House was closed in 1993 because of provincial funding restraints and cutbacks. However, by then the value of MYR as an organization that could function well in assisting high-need adolescents had already become clear, and so MYR became the agency of choice to deliver a variety of youth-oriented services.

Today MYR has a well-established record and reputation both for its own initiatives and as a significant resource for others. Federal and provincial government departments looking for highly expert, accountable, and effective agencies through which to deliver services to youth frequently consult MYR. Social service professionals, counsellors, and others from across the province—with both front-line and administrative duties—now turn to MYR for resources, insight, consultation, training, and services. Further, Greater Moncton and southeastern New Brunswick now see MYR as a leading authority on needs and solutions for youth at risk.

Expectations for MYR continue to rise, as does its capacity for effective leadership, outreach, and service delivery.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 1985 - MYR founded, to take over Peer One, and opened its first group home on Drummond Street. Group home on Sherrard Avenue opened; later moved to Snow Avenue.
- 1985 - Beginning of the “safety net” established for crisis situations, what is now 50 Myers Street Group Home.
- 1987 - Anne Street Group Home established.
- 1988 - Enman Street Group Home established.
- 1995 - Pierre Caissie Centre established.
- 1995 - Family Preservation program begun.
- 1997 - MYR chosen to deliver the Intensive Support Program in Greater Moncton area.
- 1998 - Provincial Place of Safety established.
- 1999 - Job Readiness community program launched (replaced by work skills program called MYR Works in 2006).
- 1999 - CASP program specifically for at-risk youth initiated (now referred to as MYR Learning Centre).
- 2000 - Strong Children Strong Families program established.
- 2000 - Snow Avenue Independent Living Program established.
- 2002 - Transitional Housing program established (November).
- 2003 - Champlain Group Home begun in June (later moved, expanded and renamed Chesed Group Home).
- 2003 - Building purchased for Drop-In Centre and Capital Campaign underway.
- 2003 - Strong Families Strong Children closed in October due to funding restraints.
- 2004 - Greenhill Group Home opened in January (later moved, expanded and renamed Chestnut Group Home).
- 2004 - QUEST Case Management begun (November).
- 2004 - Westhaven Group Home begun (December).
- 2005 - Capital campaign and renovations for Youth QUEST Central completed. The Grand Opening held October 31.
- 2005 - Art Sessions begun at Youth QUEST Central (November).
- 2006 - Youth QUEST Central doors opened to youth walk-ins (January).
- 2006 - Head Office structurally overhauled.
- 2006 - MYR Works begun operating out of Youth QUEST Central and has completed 5 separate programs to date. The most recent finishing in December 2008.
- 2007 – Youth QUEST Central launched its Midnight Basketball initiative (August).
- 2008 – MYR began working on a plan to relocate the Transitional Housing program (April).
- 2008 – Youth QUEST Central began offering supper to clients on Thursday evenings (May).
- 2008 - Provincial Place of Safety closed as the New Brunswick Government decided that each region was to develop its own resources (October).
- 2008 - Cumberland House established in Sussex (December). This is the first group home MYR has opened outside of Greater Moncton.
- 2009 - MYR restructured the services at the Myers Street Duplex to better meet the needs of youth in the Greater Moncton area. 50 Myers provides long term care and 52 Myers is a short term stabilization unit.
- 2009 – MYR launched a Capital Campaign for Transitional Housing (April).
- 2009 – Group Home under development in Quispamsis.