

YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES

Program

1. Youth Services – Intensive Support and Supervision (ISSP) – Youth Justice

Description of Services

CAFCA supports youth ages 13 to 19 who meet one or more of the following criteria

- the youth is in permanent care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development (the Ministry);
- the youth is on a Ministry Youth Agreement; and/or
- the youth has been charged under the Young Offenders Act and is involved in the Ministry's Youth Justice Program.

The **Intensive Support and Supervision Program** (ISSP) is a program established under the authority of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. It provides a cost-effective alternative to custody by allowing youth requiring intensive supervision to reside in the community with their parent or caregiver while receiving levels of supervision adequate to reduce recidivism.

ISSP is a community-based service and is intended to complement the supervision and intervention by a youth probation officer. The service is primarily provided at times when the probation officer is not available and when the youth is not engaged in activities such as school or work. ISSP workers have low caseloads and have frequent contact with the youth, their family and community resources.

This program is not included in the accreditation contract as COA currently does not have standards for youth justice programs.