

BRUCE PENINSULA DISTRICT SCHOOL

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PARENT HANDBOOK

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WELCOME BACK!

It is our hope that this handbook will assist parents. In it, you will find a calendar of events and information about the daily routines at our school.

Newsletters will be sent home the first Friday of each month, beginning in October. A copy will also be posted on the BPDS website at www.bwdsb.on.ca/schools/lionschl. These newsletters will help to keep you informed and up to date on the latest events at BPDS. Please spend time with your child going over our newsletter. These conversations can lead to other discussion about how and what they are doing in their classes

Over the course of the year, some of the dates indicated in this calendar will need to change. These changes will be indicated in the newsletters.

We are looking forward to another great school year. Please join us for as many activities as possible and contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



PERIOD TIMES

Elementary

8:40 - 8:50	Arrival
8:50 - 9:50	Period 1
9:50 - 10:10	Recess
10:10 - 10:20	Snack
10:20 - 12:20	Period 2
12:20 - 12:40	Lunch
12:40 - 1:10	Recess
1:10 - 1:50	Period 3
1:50 - 2:30	Period 4
2:30 - 3:10	Period 5
3:15	Dismissal

Secondary

8:50 - 10:05	Period 1
10:05 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:30	Period 2
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 1:45	Period 3
1:45 - 1:55	Break
1:55 - 3:10	Period 4
3:15	Dismissal



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PEANUT-FREE POLICY

Exposure to any amount of peanuts or nut products can be very dangerous, or even fatal, to children who have peanut or nut allergies. Therefore BPDS is a nut-free environment where students must not have, or eat, any foods that contain peanuts or nuts.

ATTENDANCE—ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS

If, for some reason, your son or daughter will not be coming to school, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to contact the school office, at 793-3211, extension 100, before 9:00 a.m. to inform the school of the reason for the absence. If this cannot happen the student must bring a note, signed by a parent or guardian, to the office upon their return to school. In keeping with the Bluewater Board's Safe Arrival Policy, the school will make every attempt to contact parents if their elementary child is absent from school. Any time a student misses class work, the student is responsible for catching up that missed work. In some cases (sports, trips, special activities) special arrangements may be possible between the teacher and the student involved.

LATENESS

School begins at 8:40 a.m. for elementary students and 8:50 a.m. for secondary students.. All students are expected to be in their class on time, with their books. Senior students with a period 1 spare are expected to be in the cafeteria or the library. Students who are late for school, either in the morning or after lunch, must report to the office to sign in. Students who are repeatedly late will be required to meet with an administrator to discuss the issue. Subsequent lates may result in disciplinary action including loss of privileges, detention time and interviews with parents.

SIGN IN & SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

If it is necessary for your son or daughter to leave the school during regular school hours, or if you are picking them up during the day, they must sign out at the office. They are required to bring a note from home stating the reason for their departure and the time they are to leave the school. If your child is leaving the school during the lunch hour when the school office is closed, they should give their note to their teacher and then sign out on the sheet posted on the wall outside the office door. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of your

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child during the school day.

If your elementary child is arriving late to school, they need to come to the office to be signed in. Your child will be issued a late slip. Please do not accompany your child to their class. If they require assistance, a staff member will escort them safely to class.

For safety reasons, we request parents and guardians not go to the classroom to pick-up their child. If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, classes are dismissed at 3:10 p.m. School staff will call the class and your child will come to the office for pick up.

HOMEWORK

Courses differ in the amount and type of work required outside the classroom. Each teacher will indicate in the secondary course outlines or elementary classroom newsletters the amount of time students should be spending on homework every night. The amount of homework will vary according to course, age and time of year. The completion of homework is tied not only to curriculum, but also to learning skills on the Ontario report card.

LUNCH HOUR

12:20 - 1:10 Elementary Lunch 11:30 - 12:30 Secondary Lunch
Secondary students are permitted to leave the school grounds at lunch time, but are expected to return in time for afternoon classes. Elementary students who go home for lunch are permitted to leave on a daily basis. Elementary students are not permitted to go downtown at lunch. The school office is closed over the lunch hour on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays. If your child needs to sign out during that time, see the procedures outlined under the section entitled "Signing Out".

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are free to use for all students. Students are responsible for returning the books they receive, in good condition. A payment will be required for damaged or missing books. Students who have not returned or paid for missing books will not be given any additional books until payment, of full replacement value, is received.

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VISITORS

All visitors, including parents and volunteers, must report to and sign in at the office. Volunteers and visitors to the school must have approval from the school administration to be on school property. Anyone not having permission will be asked to leave the school property immediately. All doors, except the main front office door, and the north parking lot door, will be locked at 9:00 a.m. for the duration of the school day. Casual visitors are not allowed on school property without permission. Trespassers will be reported to the police and risk being charged under the Trespass to Property Act.

UNESCO

On June 2, 2008, history was made when Bruce Peninsula District School and St. Edmunds Public School became the first schools in Ontario to receive the ASPnet (Associate School Project Network) UNESCO designation. This designation came as a result of years of effort by students, school staff, parents and community members who have worked together to reach a common goal.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) focuses on four pillars: world concerns, human rights, intercultural learning and environmental concerns. These pillars are the foundation for creating relevance and cross curricular learning opportunities.

Each year at our graduation ceremonies in June, a grade 8 student and a grade 12 student will be presented with the UNESCO Global Citizenship Award. This award recognizes global citizenship as outlined by the four guiding principles of UNESCO, and is sponsored by the Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association. As an ASPnet UNESCO school within the biosphere, we value the contributions of our students to making the world a better place.

LOCKERS

Grade 6, 7 and 8 students will be assigned lockers. Students may purchase a lock from the school at a cost of \$8.00, or they may bring their own. Students may not share lockers and they must not switch lockers with other students. All locker numbers and lock combinations will be recorded in the school office. Locks will not be replaced by the office because someone knows their combination.

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SCHOOL LETTERS

The elementary school letter can be achieved between grades 4 and 8. Points are awarded for participation in extra curricular activities, teams, clubs, service, leadership and for achieving grades warranting a place on the honour roll. Extra points are awarded if the participant advances to a higher level of an activity like continuing on in public speaking, science fair, track and field, etc. Twenty five points are required for the school letter and 40 points are required to receive the Award of Merit. Students coming to BPDS in later grades will have different requirements.

Secondary school letters are earned, between grades 9 and 12, in the same manner as above.

EXAMINATIONS/SUMMATIVES

Final Summative evaluations are compulsory in all secondary subjects. For most courses this will involve a formal examination.

In every secondary course, 30% of the final mark will be based on the final evaluation in the form of an examination, performance, essay and/or other method of evaluation suitable to the course content and administered towards the end of the course.

Students absent for a summative evaluation will receive a mark of "0" unless either a medical certificate is provided or prior approval is granted from the administration. Approval is normally given only for compassionate reasons (i.e. family illness or death).

VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate, and need, the assistance of volunteers. If you are able to help us on a regular basis, please contact the school. Regulations require all volunteers who may at any time be alone with a group of students, to have a Criminal Reference Check. Forms for this check are available at the school office. We apologize for any inconvenience the checks may cause, but are also grateful for all precautions that help us to protect our children.

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The purpose of the Bruce Peninsula District School Community Council is to ensure a quality education program for all JK to 12 students in the BPDS catchment area. It is widely believed that active participation of parents improves pupil achievement and enhances the accountability of the education system to parents. The Council's primary means to achieve its purpose is by making recommendations to the principal and to the Bluewater District School Board.

Each September, an invitation is extended to all parents to become involved with the Council. If necessary, an election is held. Monthly meetings are held during the school year, unless otherwise agreed by the majority of the voting members. Parents, whether members or not, are always welcome to attend. Meeting dates will be announced in the monthly school newsletter.

Parents must make up the majority of the Council. The Council can include the principal, a teacher, a non-teaching employee, a student and a community representative. It is an opportunity for parents and students to give input on Board policies and to learn more about our school. Parents are urged to learn more about the School Community Council.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

If there is the potential for stormy weather, please listen to CFOS 560, K106.5 or 92.3 for busing and school closure announcements.

1. If buses are cancelled in the morning, an announcement of the following nature will be made:

“Buses serving the following Bruce Peninsula schools will not be operating – St. Edmund’s Public School, and Bruce Peninsula District School. The schools are open for those who can get there safely.”

2. In the event that the schools are **closed**, the following announcement will be made:

“Buses serving the following Bruce Peninsula schools will not be operating – St. Edmund’s Public School, and Bruce Peninsula District School. The schools are closed.”

3. If the buses have run in the morning, and conditions deteriorate during the course of the school day, it is possible that the buses would run late or not run in the afternoon. In case of cancellation, the emergency billeting plan would be used. Pre-arranged billets will be organized with the November newsletter each year. The radio announcement would be:

“Buses are not running home tonight from St. Edmunds or BPDS. Students will be kept at the schools, unless billeting has been pre-arranged.”

This information can also be checked online at <https://stscgb.wordpress.com>



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RESPECT

Students will use acceptable language at all times on school property, school buses and during all school sponsored activities.

All conflicts are to be resolved in a civilized manner through verbal mediation with the use of an objective third party, if necessary.

Overt displays of affection are beyond the limits of acceptable behaviours. Hand-holding is considered the only appropriate display of affection for any student.

Students will conduct themselves in a calm, quiet, orderly manner (i.e. running and yelling in the halls are not permitted).

The BPDS Code of Conduct is derived from the *Ontario Code of Conduct, Bill 81 - Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act, Bill 157, and Bluewater District School Board Policy/Program Memorandum No. 144 "Bullying Prevention and Intervention"*. It has been developed in collaboration with students, staff, parents/guardians and the community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES (PROVINCIAL CODE EXCERPT)

- ◆ All participants involved in the publicly funded school system; students, parents or guardians, volunteers, teachers and other staff members; are included in this Code of Conduct **whether they are on school property, on school buses or at school authorized events or activities.**
- ◆ All members of the school community are to be treated with respect and dignity, especially persons in positions of authority.
- ◆ Responsible citizenship involves appropriate participation in the civic life of the school community. Active and engaged citizens are aware of their rights, but more importantly, they accept responsibility for protecting their rights and the rights of others.
- ◆ Members of the school community are expected to use nonviolent means to resolve conflict. Physically aggressive behaviour is not a responsible way to interact with others.
- ◆ The possession, use or threatened use of any object to injure another person endangers the safety of oneself and others.
- ◆ Alcohol and illegal drugs are addictive and present a health hazard. Ontario schools will work cooperatively with police, drug and alcohol agencies to

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promote prevention strategies and, where necessary, respond to school members who are in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs.

- ◆ Insults, disrespect, and other hurtful acts disrupt learning and teaching in a school community. Members of the school community have a responsibility to maintain an environment where conflict and difference can be addressed in a manner characterized by respect and civility.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR (PROVINCIAL CODE EXCERPT)

All school members must:

- ◆ respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws;
- ◆ demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- ◆ respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions;
- ◆ treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, and especially when there is disagreement;
- ◆ respect and treat others fairly, regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability;
- ◆ respect the rights of others;
- ◆ show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- ◆ take appropriate measures to help those in need;
- ◆ respect persons who are in a position of authority;
- ◆ respect the need of others to work in an environment of learning and teaching.

DRESS

A school is a place of learning and business. Everyone is expected to wear modest clothing which appears neat and presentable. Any clothing that is not consistent with the moral tone of the school is prohibited. This includes items such as, but not limited to, beach wear, clothing which reveals a student's underwear (i.e. halter tops, tube tops, short shorts), clothing advertising alcohol/drugs or displaying inappropriate, profane, or vulgar slogans.

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Head wear, such as, but not limited to, bandanas, visors, baseball caps, and toques will not be worn in the school office. Any questionable items will be dealt with by the school's administration.

PERSONAL DEVICES

The electronic transmission or posting of photographic images of a person on school property, at school events, and during school activities, is prohibited without the permission of the person being photographed, the principal or designate, and, where the student is below the age of 18 years, the consent of the parent/guardian.

Skateboards, snowboards and roller blades may not be used on school property. These items must be locked in the student's locker during class hours. Secondary students may use music players, or similar electronic devices, at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Rules regarding hats and cell phones are also at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

PLAGIARISM & HONESTY

It is the responsibility of the student to complete homework, tests, essays, and exams with honesty. The student will be informed, very clearly, about the definition of plagiarism. A student who is producing a research project will receive careful instruction about how sources are to be notated. A student who plagiarizes, or participates in cheating in any way will receive one or more of the following consequences:

- ◆ a mark of zero assigned to the work involved and no opportunity to re-do the assessment;
- ◆ a referral to administration;
- ◆ notification to parent/guardian;
- ◆ counselling and/or academic assistance;
- ◆ documentation of the incident.

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BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL TEAMS, EXTRA CURRICULAR TRIPS & SCHOOL EVENTS

Rehearsals, practices, performances, games, competitions, club or team meetings and extracurricular field trips are all deemed to be part of the school day. Therefore, all regular expectations of the Code of Conduct apply at all times and in all locations.

In addition, Bluewater District School Board Procedure, BP 6805-D “Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Substances –Students,” states:

“Upon first offence at an off-site event, the student will receive a suspension upon return to regular classes, consistent with the disciplinary provisions of this policy. Furthermore, the student will be suspended from further participation in all co-curricular activities, including week-end activities, for 90 school days.”

For school teams and dances occurring on-site the following applies:

“While participating in a school-sponsored co-instructional activity or dance, any behaviour that leads to the mandatory suspension “being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs” or the mandatory expulsion “trafficking in weapons or illegal drugs” or “giving alcohol to a minor” will result in a mandatory consequence (suspension or expulsion) and the student will receive an additional suspension from that activity, club team or school dances for:

- 90 school days for school dances (if the infraction occurs near the end of the academic year, it will be applied in the upcoming year until the full 90 day term has passed);
- 90 school days or the remainder of the season, whichever comes first for a school team or club.

The suspension from a specific team, organized group or type of event will not extend to other teams, groups or events.

For overnight trips students and their parents/guardian will be asked to sign and return Bluewater Field Trip Behaviour Contract as per BWDSB field trip procedure (AP 5206-D).

Please note that any action deemed unsuitable or unsafe by staff/chaperones may be subject to disciplinary actions. The following consequence may be imposed depending upon the severity of the incident(s):

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- ◆ warning;
- ◆ further Administrative action upon return to school;
- ◆ participant required to call home (at their own cost) to notify parents/guardians about the incident;
- ◆ participant sent home at the expense of their parents/guardians;
- ◆ denial to participate on the next field trip.

CONSEQUENCES

Many consequences have been identified throughout The Code of Behaviour. Where a consequence has not been identified, one or more of the following will apply depending upon the seriousness of the infraction:

- ◆ parent contact, which could include a meeting;
- ◆ detention;
- ◆ removal of privileges;
- ◆ counselling;
- ◆ withdrawal from a classroom;
- ◆ imposition of a performance contract;
- ◆ internal/external suspension from school and/or other reasonable consequences.

Every attempt will be made to enforce the Code of Conduct for all students in a fair, firm and consistent manner. The staff member may consider a student's previous behaviour, attitude and demonstrated willingness to improve when determining an appropriate consequence.

Inappropriate behaviour, not covered in the Code of Conduct, will be handled at the discretion of the administration, in consultation with teachers, parents/guardians, and any other professional staff outside the school deemed as being necessary.

BUS SAFETY

It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board, in co-operation with its bus operators, to provide for the safe transportation of students who are regularly transported by the board's bus operators. In accordance with Board Policy, two bus safety patrollers will be assigned to each bus, where practical. Safety patrols and monitors shall be responsible, through the bus driver, to the principal.

All students who ride on school buses shall adhere to the following Bus Code of Conduct.

- ◆ Be ready five (5) minutes early.
- ◆ Watch for driver's signal before crossing the road.
- ◆ Board quickly using the handrail and go right to your seat.
- ◆ Remain in your seat until your bus stops.
- ◆ No eating or drinking on the bus.
- ◆ Keep the aisle clear.
- ◆ Don't put anything out the window.
- ◆ No shouting, fighting or horseplay.
- ◆ When leaving the bus, stay off the roadway.
- ◆ If you must cross the road, walk ten steps in front of the bus, wait for the signal, look both ways, then cross the road.

Students who do not adhere to the Bus Code of Conduct may have bus riding privileges removed for a specified period of time.

All students, who ride on school buses, shall adhere to the following rules for transporting equipment on school buses. This policy protects the safety of students, and ensures the safe storage of equipment that may be transported.

Musical Instruments – Musical instruments may be transported in cases only and shall be kept on the student's lap.

Skates—All skates transported shall have the blades suitably protected with guards and shall be tied together and be in a suitable equipment bag. The skates shall be placed on the floor of the bus at the student's feet.

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Hockey Equipment—Hockey equipment may not be transported on a home to school bus route. On a charter bus, hockey equipment may be transported if it is stored in the storage space underneath the bus or inside, provided it does not block any exits or the aisle of the bus.

Skis, Poles & Snowboards—This equipment may not be transported on a home to school bus route. On a charter bus, ski equipment may be transported if it is stored in the storage space underneath the bus or inside, provided it does not block any exits or the aisle of the bus.

Skateboards—Skateboards may not be transported on a school bus.

Laser Pointers – Laser pointers may not be transported on a school bus.

Animals – Animals may not be transported on a school bus.



DANCE PROCEDURES (SECONDARY)

1. Once admitted to a dance, students who leave the building will not be readmitted.
2. While participating in a school-sponsored dance, any behaviour inconsistent with the Student Code of Conduct will result in appropriate mandatory or discretionary consequences and the student will not be allowed to attend any school dances, including the prom, in Bluewater District schools for 90 school days.
3. A student may sign in one guest only and the sponsor is responsible for the guest's conduct. If the guest disobeys any of the rules, both the sponsor and guest will be dealt with accordingly. Guests must be students in good standing in an Ontario high school. Exceptions to this rule will require approval from the school administrator. Approval must be requested at least one week prior to the dance.
4. Students will not be permitted to use their lockers at any time during the dance. A coat room will be provided.
5. Doors close one hour after the start of the dance. Late passes may be obtained from the office if a valid reason is presented.
6. The conduct at dances determines whether or not further dances are held.
7. If there is school on the day following a dance, students who were at the dance are expected to be at school on time. Thursday night dances will be cancelled if school attendance is affected.
8. Attendance at dances is a privilege. Students must be in attendance at all classes on the day of the dance. A student who has missed any classes will not be allowed into the dance.



STAFF LIST

Mary Ann Alexander	Ed. Assistant
Birch Behmann	Secondary Teacher
Jennifer Cameron	Secondary Teacher
Connie Clark	Early Childhood Educator
Nicole Danbrook	Elementary Teacher
Ashley Earle	Elementary Teacher
Sue Fox	Elementary Teacher
Dave Freer	Custodian
Brian Furgal	Secondary Teacher
Kim Harbinson	Principal
Marian Janke	Cafeteria
Mark Kolohon	Vice Principal
Rhonda Lawrence	Ed. Assistant
Val McComb	Ed. Assistant
Peter McDougall	Head Custodian
Stacey McKee	Elementary Teacher
Martha McLay	Elementary Teacher
Sandra Mielhausen	Secretary
Tammie Mielhausen	Ed. Assistant
Michelle Minke	Secondary Teacher
Terri Munn	Elementary Teacher
Breanna Myles	Elementary Teacher
Jodi Naves	Secondary Teacher
Trish Preston	Elementary Teacher
Connie Radbourne	Elementary Teacher
Antoinette Rauket	Cafeteria
John Rodgers	Secondary Teacher
Tara Stanton	Secondary Teacher
Vicki Stevens	Office Manager
Kristina Sweatman	Elementary Teacher
Mark Taylor	Custodian
Brent Thompson	Elementary Teacher
Sharon Williamson	Elementary Teacher

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Bruce Grey Child & Family Services

Owen Sound/Wiarton 519-371-4453 or 1-855-322-4453

Website: bgcfs.ca

The society investigates complaints of children being abused and neglected while providing protection services to children and youth. Other services include assistance for youth who are transitioning to independent living, placement of children and youth in adoptive/foster homes, volunteer services to assist clients in a variety of ways including transportation to visits with parents and medical appointments, short term and long term support is available.

Community Mental Health Teams

1-877-888-5855

Bruce Shoreline Team (Southampton and area) 797-2880

Central Grey Bruce Team (Hanover and area) 364-7788

North Bruce Team (Wiarton and area) 534-4388

North Grey Team (Owen Sound and area) 371-8850

South Grey Team (Markdale and area) 986-3030

Mental Health Teams provide free services to youth 16 years of age and older.

Services provided include: information, referrals, mental health counselling, housing and outreach community support, intensive case management, social and leisure activities and support services. Information and education is also provided to the communities of Grey and Bruce.

CHOICES: Drug and Alcohol Counselling for Youth

Owen Sound 519-371-5487 or 1-800-265-3133

Services are free and available to youth 14 to 20 years of age. Provide assessment and counselling for youth who are affected by their own alcohol/drug abuse or someone else's. Outreach is available to area high schools throughout Grey and Bruce as well as support for parents on how to deal with issues related to alcohol and drugs.

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Community Network Support Team

Owen Sound 519-371-4551

Email: cnst@gbchc.org

Mental Health and Addiction website: www.mhagb.ca

Provides information, education and consultation to individuals, families, organizations, and survivors who share an interest in mental health. The goal is to contribute to the knowledge, resources and service coordination of the mental health services in Grey Bruce. Services are free and provided to those 16 years of age and older.

Crisis Intervention Team

Owen Sound Hospital 519-376-2121 ext. 2450 or 1-888-525-0552

Multi-disciplinary team provides assessment, consultation and referral for psychosocial and psychiatric emergencies. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Grey Bruce Health Unit

Owen Sound 519-376-9420 or 1-800-263-3456

Walkerton 519-881-1920 or 1-800-821-7714

Web Site: www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

Working with the communities of Grey and Bruce to protect and promote health and prevent disease. This is achieved through programs in: Tobacco and Tobacco Bylaw, Reproductive and Child Health, Healthy Babies, Healthy Pregnancy, Sexual Health, Injury Prevention, Substance Abuse Prevention, Youth Initiatives, Chronic Disease Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer, Food Safety, Health Hazard, Emergency Planning, Safe Water, Dental Program, Control of Communicable and Infectious Disease, Pandemic Planning, Vaccine Preventable Disease and Rabies Control.

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Grey Bruce PFLAG

Owen Sound Health Unit 376-0660 ext 320 and leave a message

Email: lin.ron@sympatico.ca

A support group for friends and family of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, providing an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, their families and friends through support, to cope with an adverse society, and education, to enlighten an ill-informed public in order to end discrimination and secure equal human rights.

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Child and Family Support Programs

Southampton 519-385-2572

A private practice counselling service, which provides individual and family support in their home and/or school. Working with children, youth and their families, specializing in adolescent issues and relationships. Services are covered under some employee assistance programs.

Keystone Child Youth & Family Services

Owen Sound 519-371-4773 or 1-800-567-2384

Email: bgcs@bmts.com

Website: www.keystonebrucegrey.org

Kids Help Phone

1-800-668-6868

Website: www.kidshelpphone.ca

A confidential, toll-free 24 hour helpline for troubled and abused young people from 4 to 23 years of age. The service is completely anonymous and confidential. Services include: counseling, referrals and Internet services for children and youth. Professional counselors provide immediate and caring support.

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Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youthline

1-800-268-YOUTH

Website: www.youthline.ca

Provides services for youth, by youth that affirms the experiences and aspirations of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, 2-spirited, queer and questioning youth in Ontario. Support is provided in a queer positive and non-judgmental atmosphere through telephone listening, information and referral services, and through complementary outreach.

M'Wikwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre

Owen Sound 1-866-202-2068

The centre provides services to the Owen Sound Urban Aboriginal population to promote mental, physical, spiritual and emotional well being. Services for aboriginal and community youth are provided at the Urban Multipurpose Aboriginal Youth Centre. Services providing cultural and health promoting programs focus on reclamation and understanding aboriginal cultures and practices to identify and attain positive life goals. Services are free.

Pride and Prejudice Youth Group

Owen Sound Health Unit 519-376-9420 ext. 256

Email: k.harvie@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

A support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Owen Sound Health Unit. Friends are welcome.

Sexual Assault & Partner Abuse Care Centre

Owen Sound 519-376-2121 ext. 2458

Service for people 12 years of age and older. Services are based out of the Owen Sound Hospital with a team of nurses available 24/7 for sexual assault assessment. Provides consultation and/or counselling to men and women who have been sexually assaulted/abused, or who are in an abusive relationship and to their families. Counselling services are available in the community as well as the hospital. Provide information/education to the public and non-profit organizations.

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The Women's Centre of Grey and Bruce Inc.

Crisis: 371-1600 (24h) Admin: 376-0755

Website: www.womenscentre.com

Provide support services to women in crisis and who have experienced sexual assault including safer shelter, short term affordable housing, 24 hour crisis line, counselling, information, advocacy, teen group program and community kitchen. Services are free and confidential. The centre promotes and supports an equal position for women in society.

Victim Services of Bruce Grey & Owen Sound Inc

Admin: 1-888-577-3111 Crisis: 376-9852

Hanover: 364-7817 Port Elgin: 389-5000 Owen Sound: 376-9317

Provides services for victims of crime and tragic circumstance including emotional support, practical assistance, and referrals for long term support. Services are free and confidential.

Y Community & Employment Services

1-800-265-3711

Hanover: 519-364-3163 Walkerton: 519-881-4606

Owen Sound: 519-371-9222

A non-profit organization that provides employment counselling, career exploration, assistance in finding a job, training opportunities and non-emergency housing support for youth and adults.

Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey

Kincardine 396-9814 Crisis: 1-800-265-3026 or 396-9655

Web Site: www.whbc.on.ca

Email: crisis@whbc.ca

A non-profit organization which assists women affected by abuse and provides free services including: safe, supportive shelter, for women and their children, 24 hour crisis line, peer support groups, children's program, public speaking and community education. Community counselling services are available in Chesley, Hanover, Port Elgin, Kincardine, Walkerton, Wiarton, Owen Sound, Markdale, Meaford and Durham. Advocacy and referrals also available.

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Cape Croker First Nation Addiction Awareness Centre

Cape Croker 519-534-3710

Provides Cape Croker First Nation and community with youth activities/programs in addiction and prevention of include: outings, evening programs, mentoring programs and summer camp programs.

Saugeen Drug and Alcohol

Southampton 519-797-2882

Provides Saugeen First Nation with services to give up drinking and drug dependency. Work to create awareness, acceptance and treatment of alcoholism. Services include: self help groups, emergency transportation for detoxification purposes and referrals. A youth worker is available on the reserve for youth 12 to 19 years of age. Services are free.

When you don't know where to turn, call 211. 211 helps people find the right community and social services. Free. Confidential. Live answer 24/7.
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