

*About
The Elizabeth Fry
Society
of
Manitoba*

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba is a non-profit, community based agency, serving the needs of women who are, have been, or may be at risk of becoming involved with the criminal justice system.

In addition to support programs, The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba offers:

- ◆ Referral to community resources;
- ◆ Personal support;
- ◆ Pre-release planning and follow-up, and community outreach;
- ◆ Other program groups.

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*Bail
Verification &
Supervision
Program*

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The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba is a non-profit community agency aimed at reducing the number of women and girls involved in the criminal justice system.



The Bail Verification and Supervision Program

The Bail Verification and Supervision Program provides community supervision and support to women who are charged with offences. The Bail Program serves the principles upon which our democratic system of justice is based: the presumption of innocence and the fair and equitable treatment of all people regardless of social or economic background.

Bail Program Goals

- ◆ to reduce the number of pre-trial women who are being remanded into the province's overcrowded correctional facilities;
- ◆ to reduce the risk of recidivism and promote a healthier lifestyle through individual and group supports, programming and community accountability;
- ◆ to ensure that the women understand the expectations of their bail, their legal rights and obligations;
- ◆ to connect women to the community programs and services that are available and needed by the women to comply with conditions of bail;
- ◆ to provide referrals to appropriate counselling and treatment programs;
- ◆ to provide access for Aboriginal women to Traditional Medicine People, Pipe Carriers, Elders and Traditional Healers for their healing journeys.

The Bail Verification and Supervision Program

Functions:

1. Identify the availability of a surety (many women remain in custody because they do not have the finances or social ties to meet bail conditions.)
2. Provide verified, neutral and factual information about an accused person at judicial interim release proceedings, to assist the court in selecting suitable candidates for bail and bail supervision.
3. Provide supervisory, counselling and referral services for people who are released from custody by the courts, where the condition of release directs that such people be supervised.

The Elizabeth Fry Society Bail Verification and Supervision Program will be delivered in a manner consistent with:

- ◆ Government of Manitoba, Justice Department policies and procedures
- ◆ Establish breach protocol