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The Elizabeth Fry
Society
of
Manitoba Inc.*

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba (EFSM) Inc. was established as an independent non-profit organization in 1983 to address the unique needs of women in the provincial and federal justice system.

In addition to support programs, The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba offers many other services which include but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Referral to community resources;
- ◆ Personal support;
- ◆ Pre-release planning and follow-up, and community outreach;
- ◆ STOPlifting (addresses and explores the reasons why women shoplift or commit fraud);
- ◆ Women for Change Program (anger management and family violence);
- ◆ Transitional Housing (bridging the gap between homelessness and independent living)

Funding For The Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba Provided By :

- ◆ United Way of Winnipeg
- ◆ The Winnipeg Foundation
- ◆ Province of Manitoba- Justice
- ◆ Correctional Services Canada
- ◆ Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS)
- ◆ Jewish Foundation of Winnipeg
- ◆ Winnipeg Regional Health Authority—Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative
- ◆ Province of Manitoba—Family Services and Housing
- ◆ Human Resource Services Development Canada (HRSDC) - Canada Summer Jobs
- ◆ Manitoba Government—All Charities Campaign
- ◆ Winnipeg Public Libraries

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*Bail
Verification &
Supervision
Program*

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To empower, provide support, advocacy and guidance to women who are involved in the legal 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 Manitoba'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 counseling 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;
- ◆ Established breach protocol