



Initiatives for Just Communities: El'dad Outreach Program

Our Emphasis:

The mission of the El'dad Outreach Program is to assist adults living with intellectual disabilities within the Southeastern area. We seek to encourage positive choices while empowering the individual to achieve their goals thereby increasing their ability to be successful and enjoy quality of life. El'dad accomplishes this by providing intensive support and supervision for the affected individual while bringing alongside other supports within the community.

We Will:

The El'dad Outreach Program will create and provide client-directed programming for each participant including case management and direct service components. We do this using a strength based approach, being curious about behaviour, understanding that often these individuals "can't" instead of "won't". Our Outreach staff are there to develop healthy, trusting relationships that allow staff to become a reference for a program participant during any given situation that he or she may not be able to interpret, translate, or understand.

El'dad will:

- Build healthy and professionally therapeutic relationships with each program participant and their existing circles of support.
- Accompany and support program participants in their life experiences using a harm reduction and trauma informed lens.
- Ensure that each participant receives holistic & multi-disciplinary supports, partnering with external resources when appropriate.
- Assist program participants to develop strengths and life skills and to celebrate growth and successes whenever possible.
- Ensure that program participants have access to adequate housing, shelter, and food.
- Develop residential support models for individual participants when necessary and appropriate.
- Advocate on behalf of program participants and their families.
- Provide culturally safe support for each program participant.
- Nurture and facilitate circles of support in the community for program participants.
- Reach out to program participants, actively seeking to connect with them when participants are not easily accessible.
- Assess safety concerns for program participants and staff and deliver services accordingly.

Individuals are eligible for services if:

- They have a documented intellectual disability as determined by Family Services. (as opposed to mental illness) Dual diagnosis is acceptable and common in the individuals coming but the intellectual disability is what carries the funding for the program. FASD is also common among participants at El'dad.
- They live within the Southeastern area of Manitoba
- They are 18 years of age or older
- There is an accompanying funding source

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