

Area Served

The SNAP® Program is available throughout the city of Toronto. The St. Leonard's Society focuses on referrals within the east end (east of Bayview Ave.) however, individual circumstances are always considered when exploring the ideal program site.

Privacy

No information about you or your child will be shared without parental consent (unless required by law). Your child need have no further involvement with the police.

Costs

Funding from the National Crime Prevention Centre allows us to offer this voluntary service at no cost.

Child care for your other children is available at no cost while parents attend parent group meetings. Support with transportation to and from the child and parent sessions is available upon request.

Presenting Problems (For boys age 6 to 11):

- ◆ Having police contact as a result of their own behaviour
- ◆ Exhibiting serious levels of conduct problems
- ◆ Engaging in antisocial behaviours (e.g. theft, aggression, vandalism, bullying)
- ◆ Having behavioural difficulties at home, at school, in the community and/or with peers.

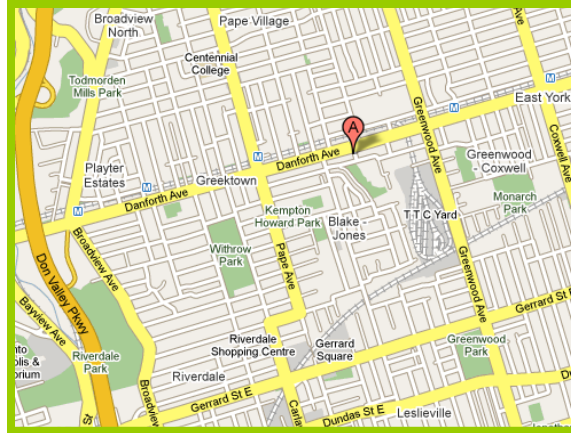
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ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO

St. Leonard's Society of Toronto (SLST) is dedicated to ensuring a safer community by providing programs and services to help people become responsible community members. The primary focus of SLST is to provide crime prevention and educational support programs that are designed to ensure safer communities. Program elements are built on evidence-based research that assist persons in conflict with the law, and at-risk children and youth in effecting positive life changes.

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**St. Leonard's Society
of Toronto**



SNAP® Under 12 Outreach Project (SNAP® ORP)

*SNAP® is an award winning
evidence-based program
for boys aged 6 to 11
with behavioural problems*

**Central Intake Line
Tel: 416-654-8989**

**Working in conjunction with the
Toronto Police Service**

SNAP[®] ORP

With 9 components for success, the SNAP[®] ORP is designed for boys aged 6-11 who are engaging in antisocial behaviour and/or have come into contact with the police as a result of their own behaviour. Stop Now and Plan (SNAP[®]) is an award winning, evidenced-based, manualized cognitive-behavioural program. SNAP[®] helps children and parents deal effectively with anger by teaching them how to respond in a way that makes their problems smaller, not bigger. With help and practice, children and parents are able to stop, calm down, and generate positive solutions at the “*snap of their fingers.*” A boy and his family may participate in the following components, with the goal of preventing future antisocial behaviour and reducing the chances of coming in conflict with the law. Experienced and highly trained SNAP[®] ORP staff work together with you to assess the problems and create an action plan.

SNAP[®] ORP's 9 Components for Success

SNAP[®] Boys' Group/Club

The boys attend group sessions led by two energetic and skilled staff once/week for 12 weeks. Boys learn how to use SNAP[®] in different situations through fun and interactive activities such as discussions, role-playing and games. A variety of topics, such as stopping stealing, bullying, dealing with angry feelings and apologizing are addressed, and give the boys strategies to use in their daily lives.

SNAP[®] Parenting Group

The parent group meets for 12 sessions that are concurrent with the child group. Parents learn effective child management and SNAP[®] strategies. The group also provides parents with an outlet to make connections with other parents facing similar challenges.

Homework Club / Academic Tutoring

Academic tutors/homework clubs are available for SNAP[®] ORP children functioning below grade level. Weekly one-hour tutoring sessions/homework clubs with specially trained volunteers are held at the Centre.

Individual Befriending / Community Connections

Individual mentoring/coaching with a SNAP[®] staff or volunteer is available when there is agreement that a boy would benefit from continuing support with his SNAP[®] skills. Through this relationship, boys are connected to structured recreational activities in their community.

School Advocacy Services

Program staff help parents ensure that their children receive the best possible education.

SNAP[®] Parenting: Family Counseling

Provides parents and/or families individual counseling support related to implementing the SNAP[®] strategies. This can be done in their own home or at the Centre.

Crisis Intervention

Provides counseling to parents and children in times of crisis. This can be done by telephone, a home visit or at the Centre.

Victim Restitution

Children are helped to apologize to their victim and redress their mischief. An apology letter or some form of community service are typical ways we promote pro-social behaviour

Access to TAPP-C Arson Prevention Programs

Offered to children with presenting problems related to fire interest and/or fire setting.

Long Term Connections

Family members may continue to be involved in all components as long as there is a need and interest. In addition, they may participate as Peer or Parent Mentors. Extended parent groups and a leaders in training youth program represent other follow up connections that are available.

Referrals

The SNAP[®] ORP is a voluntary service. Parents are encouraged to contact the central intake line at [416-654-8989](tel:416-654-8989) and ask for an Intake Worker. Teachers, social workers, police and other service providers may facilitate a referral with permission from the legal guardian.

If you live in Toronto and your son is under 12 and is having difficulty at home, school and/or in the community and is:

- ◆ Physically aggressive
- ◆ Verbally aggressive or defiant
- ◆ Vandalism
- ◆ In conflict with Authority
- ◆ Fighting
- ◆ Setting Fires
- ◆ Trespassing
- ◆ Stealing

The SNAP[®] Under 12 Outreach Project can help.

REFERRAL PROTOCOL

Toronto Centralized Services Protocol for Children Under 12 Years of Age in Conflict with the Law in conjunction with the Toronto Police Service.

Who can make a referral?

Referrals to the SNAP[®] Program typically come from:

- ◆ Police
- ◆ Self-referral (Parent/Guardian)
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Child Welfare
- ◆ Mental health providers
- ◆ Family Doctors