



Ranch Ehrlo youth group living treatment referral toolkit

Connecting youth with the right program

Ranch Ehrlo provides treatment-focused group living treatment programs for children and youth with a range of needs. Our programs are designed to provide a safe, structured, and supportive environment while helping youth build skills, strengthen relationships, and work toward their goals, and return youth to their families as soon as possible.

We recognize that every youth is different. Program placement considers the youth's individual needs, strengths, age, developmental stage, family and community connections, treatment goals, and the supports available through each program.

The goal is not simply to find an available bed. It is to find the right fit.



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For current information about program availability, referral questions or potential program fit, contact our intake manager.



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Our programs at a glance

Ranch Ehrlo's group living programs are located in several communities across Saskatchewan. All our locations provide a highly structured community environment where youth can access group living treatment, education, recreation, and clinical supports in one location.

Pilot Butte campus



Our original campus in Pilot Butte is home to:

- Mitchell House
- Jewison House
- Jordan House
- Appleton House
- Rever House
- Schaller Education Centre (accredited independent school)
- Hudson administration and training centre
- two Emergency Receiving (ER) programs
- McNamara House, which provides accommodation for families visiting youth

The campus also offers recreational opportunities, including playground equipment, swings, a volleyball court, a baseball diamond, and bike/skateboard areas, as well as a permanent tipi structure. It also includes a garden and a reconciliation path.

Regina

Ranch Ehrlo operates several group living programs in Regina, including:

- Wilson House
- Kruzeniski House
- MacKay House
- Woodward House
- Lee House
- Dalla Vicenza House
- Peterson House
- Hildsen House
- Raven House

Youth in Regina programs may attend Schaller Education Centre or schools and classrooms in the community, depending on their individual needs and plans. They can also participate in community recreation, activities, and services.

Corman Park campus



The Corman Park campus is home to:

- Welke House
- May House
- one ER
- Ellen Gunn Education Centre (accredited independent school)

The campus also includes recreational amenities such as a rink, volleyball court, baseball diamond, and play equipment, as well as a permanent tipi structure erected September 30, 2026.



Prince Albert and Buckland campus

The Prince Albert/Buckland area is home to:

- Matheson House
- Alex Guy House
- Klassen House
- one ER serving younger youth
- Hansen Education Centre (accredited independent school)

The campus also includes a rink and play equipment.



Finding the right fit

Programs are organized with the goal of keeping youth as close to their families and communities as possible while also considering the treatment environment that best meets their needs.

Factors considered when determining program fit may include:

- age and developmental stage
- treatment and clinical needs
- strengths, interests and goals
- family and community connections
- educational needs
- cultural identity and connections
- level of independence
- behavioural and emotional needs
- health and communication needs
- safety considerations
- compatibility with the program environment



A referral does not need to identify the exact program a youth should enter. Referral agencies can identify a preferred campus when appropriate, but Ranch Ehrlo's intake and clinical teams consider the full referral when determining potential program fit.

Culture and connection

Culture is an important part of treatment at Ranch Ehrlo.

Youth have opportunities to connect with Elders, knowledge keepers and Kokums through activities such as sharing circles, cultural teachings, ceremonies, feasts and weekly sweats.

Programs also incorporate land-based learning and cultural activities. Cultural days may be offered through therapeutic summer programming and classrooms, with special guests and community knowledge holders invited to share with youth.

Clinical and treatment supports

Ranch Ehrlo's group living services provide individualized clinical support based on each youth's needs, strengths and treatment goals.

In-house clinical services include program caseworkers, clinical consultants and the Clinical Assessment and Resource Services team. This multidisciplinary team includes social workers, psychologists and counsellors who work with youth, families, Ranch Ehrlo staff and referral agencies. Psychiatric consultation is also available when required.

Assessments

Clinical professionals may complete or coordinate assessments to better understand a youth's cognitive, emotional, behavioural and developmental needs. Assessment information helps guide treatment planning and intervention.

Individualized treatment plans

Treatment plans are developed around each youth's strengths, challenges and goals. Plans may incorporate cultural identity, spirituality, family involvement and community connections.

Individual and group counselling

Youth will participate in individual and group counselling led by trained professionals. Counselling uses evidence-informed approaches and may involve family members and caregiver teams.

Safety planning

Individualized safety plans and crisis-management strategies are developed with youth and their support teams when required.

Psychiatric services

Youth can access psychiatric assessment and consultation when clinically indicated.

Therapeutic and recreational programming

Treatment can include therapeutic recreational activities and other approaches such as:

- horsemanship
- expressive arts
- pet therapy
- music therapy
- therapeutic recreation

Speech-language services

Speech-language services support communication and help youth develop skills that can improve their participation and daily functioning.

Occupational therapy

Occupational therapy can help identify strengths and challenges and support emotional and behavioural regulation, daily living skills and participation.



Making a referral

Ranch Ehrlo's referral process is designed to give the intake and clinical teams enough information to understand the youth and determine potential program fit.

Step 1: Gather the information

Referral agencies should provide the completed Ranch Ehrlo referral form along with available supporting documentation.

Depending on the youth, this may include:

- health information
- funding approval
- wardship documents
- cultural plan
- education or psychological assessments
- family plan
- social history
- court or probation documents
- addictions assessments
- other relevant reports

The referral form identifies required documentation as well as information that may be included when applicable.

Step 2: Tell us about the youth

The referral should provide a clear picture of the youth — not just their challenges.

Helpful information includes:

- Why is the referral being made now?
- What are the youth's strengths and interests?
- What are their treatment needs?
- What has worked in the past?
- What has not worked?
- What are their family and community connections?
- What cultural connections are important?
- What are the youth's goals?
- What would successful treatment look like?

The referral form specifically asks agencies to describe the youth's strengths, interests, goals, cultural identity and community connections.

Step 3: Identify the preferred location

Referral agencies can identify a preferred campus:

- Regina/Pilot Butte
- Corman Park
- Prince Albert
- Any/first available

A preferred location is considered as part of the referral but does not necessarily determine placement.

Step 4: Submit the referral

Completed referrals should be emailed to intake@ranchehrlo.ca.

For questions about the referral form or submission process, contact the Intake Manager at 306-552-8651.

What happens after a referral?

Once a referral is received, Ranch Ehrlo's intake and clinical teams review the information provided to understand the youth's needs and determine potential program fit.

Referral agencies should expect:

1. Review of the referral and supporting information.
2. Follow-up questions if additional information is required.
3. Consideration of program availability and fit.
4. Communication with the referring agency about next steps.

Wait times

Wait times vary depending on program availability, the youth's needs and the referral volume. Intake can provide current information about anticipated wait times.

Frequently asked questions

How do I know which Ranch Ehrlo program is right for a youth?

You do not need to determine the exact program before making a referral. Provide as much information as possible about the youth, their needs, strengths, goals, and connections. The intake and clinical teams consider the overall picture when determining potential fit.

Can a youth stay close to their family?

Whenever possible, program planning considers family and community connections. Location is one factor considered alongside treatment needs and program fit.

Does Ranch Ehrlo provide education?

Yes. Depending on the program and the youth's needs, youth may attend an independent school on campus with low teacher-to-student ratios or classrooms in the community.

How important is culture in treatment?

Culture is an important component of treatment. Youth may have opportunities to participate in cultural teachings, ceremonies, sharing circles, sweats, feasts, land-based learning, and other activities. Referral agencies are encouraged to identify cultural connections and practices that are meaningful to the youth and their family.

What if the youth has complex clinical needs?

The referral should clearly describe the youth's current needs, previous interventions, assessments, and treatment goals. Ranch Ehrlo has multidisciplinary clinical supports, including social workers, psychologists and counsellors, with psychiatric consultation available when required.

What information is most helpful in a referral?

A strong referral tells us both where the youth is struggling and who the youth is. Include strengths, interests, relationships, cultural connections, goals, and what has worked in addition to presenting concerns.

Can I refer a youth to a specialized program?

Yes. If a youth has specific treatment needs, identify those needs clearly in the referral and include relevant assessments and background information. Intake can help determine whether Ranch Ehrlo has an appropriate program.

What about youth with problematic sexual behaviours?

Ranch Ehrlo offers specialized assessment and intervention supports for youth with problematic sexual behaviours. Referrals should provide relevant information about the behaviour, its frequency and severity, previous interventions, and current safety considerations.

What if I am not sure whether Ranch Ehrlo is the right fit?

Contact our intake manager at 306-552-8651. A conversation before or during the referral process can help clarify what information is needed and whether Ranch Ehrlo may have an appropriate service.



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