

outcomes

60 YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

1966-2026



Ranch Ehrlo is proud to work with families representing some of the many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities from across Canada. Our programs are located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories, the traditional lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, Dene, and homeland of the Métis - Michif Nation.

60 Years



As Ranch Ehrlo Society celebrates its 60th anniversary, we reflect on six decades of growth, learning and continuous improvement. While the way we measure outcomes has evolved, our commitment to understanding and improving the impact of our programs has remained constant.

Outcomes measurement has long been central to Ranch Ehrlo's approach to quality assurance. In *Go Forward with Pride: A Historical Review of the Ranch Ehrlo Society* (2004, p. 138), identifies outcomes measurement as an important way to demonstrate the impact of treatment and services. It also supports continuous improvement and leadership in the human services field — a commitment that continues to guide the agency's work today.

The organization that began in 1966 with a single home for six boys has grown into a multi-service organization supporting children, youth, adults and families across Saskatchewan.



Ranch Ehrlo provides accredited mental health, education, developmental, housing, counselling, addictions, recreation, family, therapeutic foster care, and community services across four service areas: Prince Albert/Buckland, Saskatoon/Corman Park, Regina/Pilot Butte and Moose Jaw.

Ranch Ehrlo has evolved over the past 60 years to reflect changing community needs and a growing understanding of disability, trauma, child welfare, mental health, and family well-being.

This year's outcomes report offers a snapshot of that ongoing work, highlighting participant progress in areas that matter to them: well-being, relationships, family connections, skills and independence, and education/vocational training.

Our 60th anniversary is an opportunity to recognize how far we have come while remaining focused on where we are going. Through continued learning, measurement and improvement, we remain committed to building brighter futures for the people and communities we serve.



Building brighter futures

This current Outcomes Report documents our latest chapter in Ranch Ehrlo's efforts to meet individual and family needs now. The numbers will tell a part of the story, complemented by the experiences of participants, families, and employees. Our goal in sharing this Outcomes Report is to show where progress is being made and where opportunities for ongoing improvement exist. Never losing sight of the fact that we are here to ensure **we are making a difference in the lives of the participants and families we serve.**

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a range of quality assessment, treatment, education, support, and community services that improve the lives of children, youth, adults, and families.

OUR MODEL OF CARE

As a CARE-certified organization, Ranch Ehrlo is guided by six principles that support positive outcomes for children and youth: developmentally focused, family involved, relationship based, trauma informed, competence centred, and ecologically oriented. In 2023, we enhanced our model of care by implementing Ukeru, an innovative crisis prevention program. Ukeru complements our CARE principles and Therapeutic Crisis Intervention approach, providing additional tools to improve the quality of life for participants.



ABOUT THE RANCH

Youth Group Living Treatment Programs

Our integrated treatment approach for young people incorporates live-in services, clinical treatment, education, and recreation.

Youth take part in therapeutic activities tailored to their individual needs. They have access to psychiatric services, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, music and art therapy, equine-assisted learning, and culturally responsive supports. Each youth follows an individualized treatment plan that includes group and one-on-one therapy, as well as land-based learning and creative and athletic activities with highly trained staff.

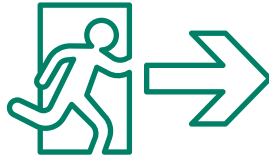


Youth at the Ranch

Youth served
289



Youth discharged
131



Length of stay
18 months



Emergency
receiving

168

individual youth
served in 26
temporary beds

1966

Doors open with six boys.



6 YOUTH

1974

First girl admitted.



Now

Average serving 286 youth/year.



Youth statistics *(youth served by Group Living Treatment Services)*



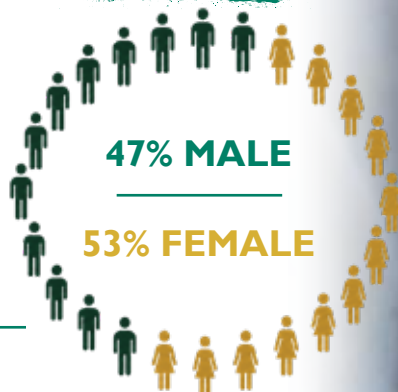
AGE



1%
under 8
years

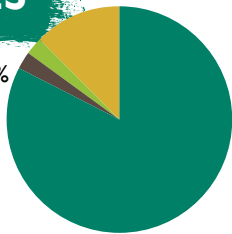


SEX



IDENTITIES

- First Nations 82.5%
- Inuit 2.5%
- Métis 2.5%
- Other 12.5%



The majority of youth we serve identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit. This shapes our responsibility and commitment to provide culturally responsive and appropriate, identity-affirming, and relationship-based opportunities that help youth strengthen their connections to who they are, where they come from and where they belong.





More on our philosophy

We believe young people do the best they can when provided with safe and accepting environments; warm, trusting, and nurturing relationships; and fun, therapeutic, educational activities. Our highly trained and caring staff are dedicated to helping youth work through issues and achieve personal goals.

Over the past four years, an average of 81% of youth reported that Ranch Ehrlo helps them with their problems, demonstrating the lasting impact of our treatment services.

Youth from Lee House participated in a cultural camp grounded in land-based learning and traditional teachings. The group gained hands-on experience harvesting birch bark, making tobacco pouches and snares, and learning to set nets, identify fish, and prepare their catch. Youth also explored beading, music, and time on the land, strengthening cultural connections, building practical skills, and learning together through meaningful experiences.

Need for service *(youth served)*

Youth come to Ranch Ehrlo for a variety of reasons. Once needs are identified, service and treatment plans are created in consultation with the youth, their parents or guardians, and staff from referring agencies. While at the Ranch, youth work with staff to achieve their treatment goals and address the issues that brought them here.

91% Mental health issues (e.g., anxiety, adjustment to trauma)

81% Executive functioning

78% Emotional regulation skills

55% Severe risk behaviours (e.g., suicide risk, aggression)

A new therapeutic gaming initiative provides another evidence-informed tool for staff to help participants develop emotional regulation, communication, cooperation and problem-solving skills that support their progress both in treatment and in everyday life.





Our strong relationship with Piapot First Nation gives youth opportunities to connect with culture and community. Weekly sweat ceremonies and medicine walks help strengthen cultural identity and a sense of belonging.

GLTS youth family involvement

At Kruzeniski House, collaboration between staff and one participant’s parents strengthened both treatment and family involvement. Through regular communication and shared planning, these parents became active partners in supporting their daughter’s progress. During a quarterly planning meeting, they described how their daughter showed increased empathy and trust toward a youth care leader after a difficult situation — an encouraging sign of emotional growth and relationship building.



Parents/guardians who feel the Ranch is a safe place for their child



Parents/guardians who feel the Ranch has helped their child

“ I feel my child is in the correct “helping” place with Ranch Ehrlo and I am impressed with the programs and the home my son is in. I always feel comfortable speaking with staff about anything.”
family, 2026 survey

Community involvement

Community engagement is an important part of treatment, helping youth build healthy relationships, develop confidence and life skills, and prepare for successful reintegration into their communities. Through carefully planned activities, volunteer opportunities and everyday outings, staff create meaningful experiences that foster personal growth, connection, and therapeutic outcomes.

Community connection was strengthened through public art showcases that brought Ranch Ehrlo participants and local communities together:

- In May 2026, Paper Crane artists participated in the Cathedral Village Arts Festival.
- The fifth annual Make a Mark showcase, held in partnership with the Regina Public Library in April 2026, featured artwork from participants across multiple programs.
- In November 2025, the Tiny Art Show, presented with the Pilot Butte Public Library, showcased miniature works by youth and participants from the Family Treatment Program and other services.

Together, these events celebrated creativity, fostered community relationships, and reflected Ranch Ehrlo Society's longstanding connection with the communities it serves.



Youth
think the
Ranch helped them
to participate in fun
community activities

94%

Youth functioning

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is a multi-purpose tool developed by Dr. John Lyons of the University of Chicago to support decision-making, service planning and outcome monitoring in children's services.

77% of youth showed improvement in one or more CANS areas.
Top areas include:



Mental health



Severe risk behaviour
(i.e., suicide risk, aggression)



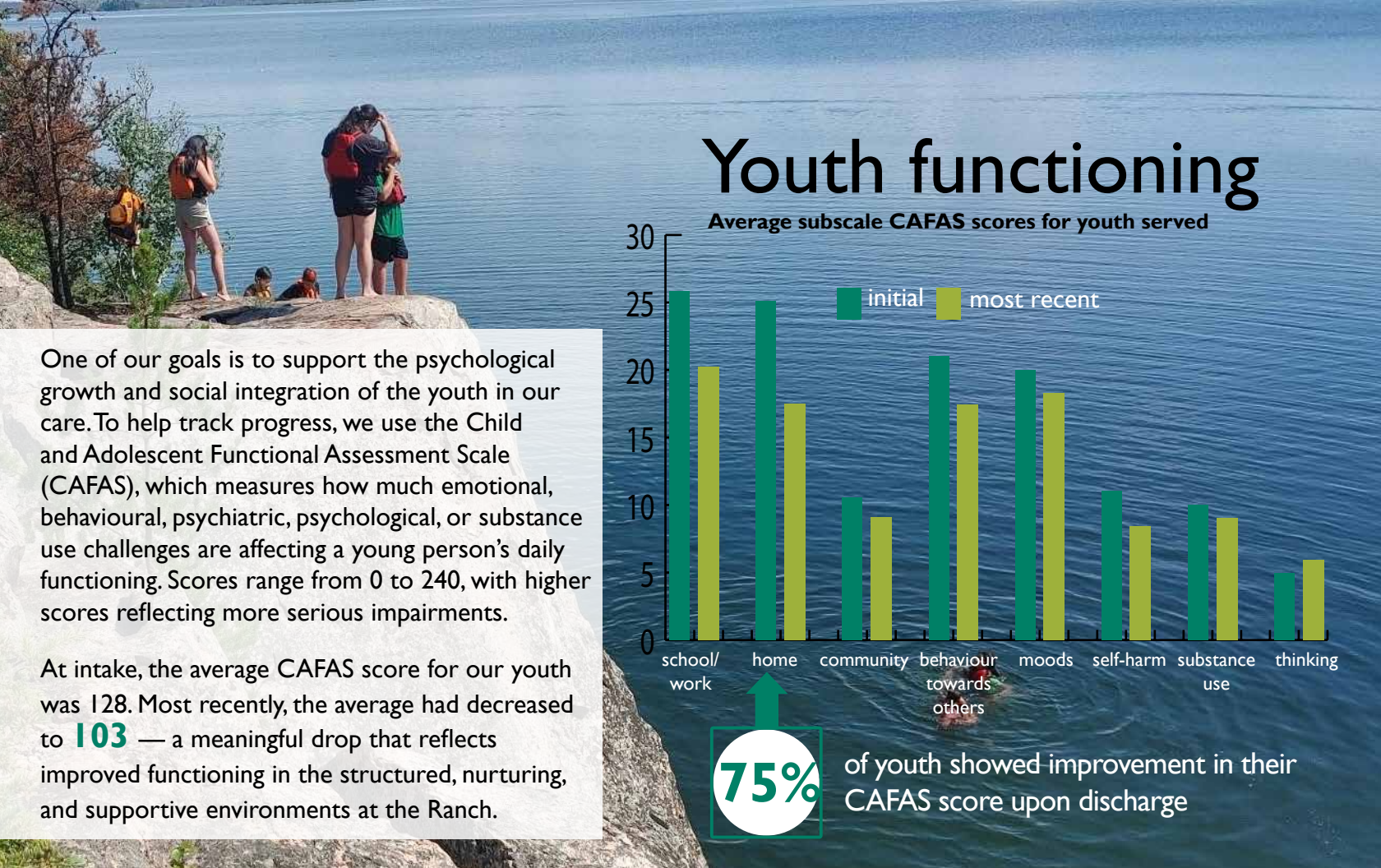
Emotional regulation

“ I like how staff try to help us so we can work our way home. ”

participant, 2026 survey

58%
of youth chose to participate in traditional activities

Youth from Ranch Ehrlo's Buckland and Corman Park campuses came together last May, for the second year in a row, to lead a powerful cultural event that united all youth and staff in a meaningful pipe and smudge ceremony with Elders Liz Settee and Curtis Breaton.

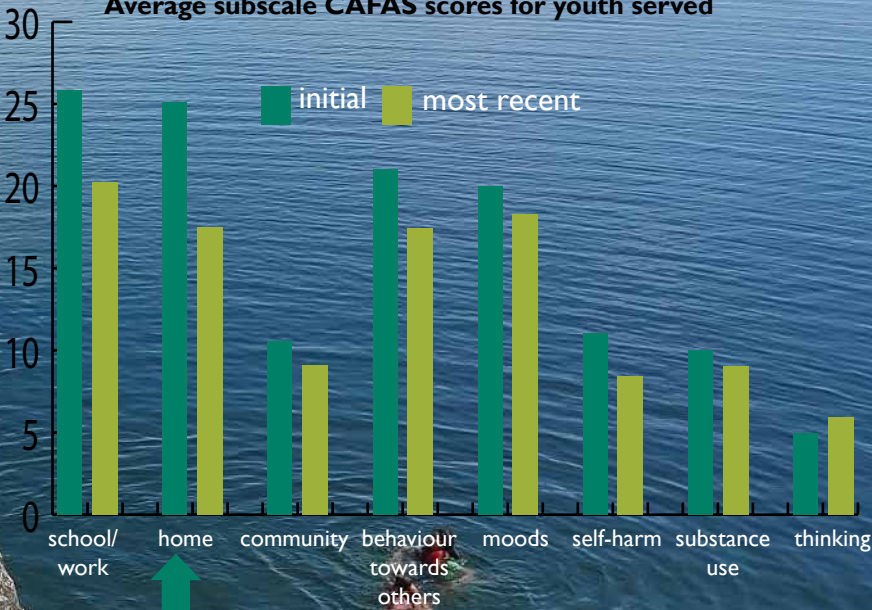


One of our goals is to support the psychological growth and social integration of the youth in our care. To help track progress, we use the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS), which measures how much emotional, behavioural, psychiatric, psychological, or substance use challenges are affecting a young person's daily functioning. Scores range from 0 to 240, with higher scores reflecting more serious impairments.

At intake, the average CAFAS score for our youth was 128. Most recently, the average had decreased to **103** — a meaningful drop that reflects improved functioning in the structured, nurturing, and supportive environments at the Ranch.

Youth functioning

Average subscale CAFAS scores for youth served



75% of youth showed improvement in their CAFAS score upon discharge



To where are youth transitioning?

91%
of youth attained all or
part of their goals

“ All staff are
accepting. They are
ready to help even
when I’m not in a
good headspace. ”
youth, 2026 survey



Six month follow-up

We take care and interest in how young people adjust to life after our programs. A six month follow-up is completed through a phone interview. This year, **97** discharged participants were able to participate.

A former participant has a message for youth at Ranch Ehrlo Society: time in care won't define them, but it can change their life. Justin Ingman spent two years at MacKay House starting at age 14, where he built friendships, formed strong relationships with staff, and began healing through programming and counselling. He developed coping skills and resilience that continue to guide him today.

Now a father of four and a local business owner, Justin credits the support he received at Ranch Ehrlo with shaping his resilience and perseverance. He encourages youth to engage with available services and lean into those supports so they, too, can achieve success.

Justin Ingrain, former youth, "If I'm not successful, it means I need to change and improve, not give up."



67% of former youth under 16 are attending school



84% of former youth have positive or very positive relationships with parents or peers



58% of former youth are living with family or extended family



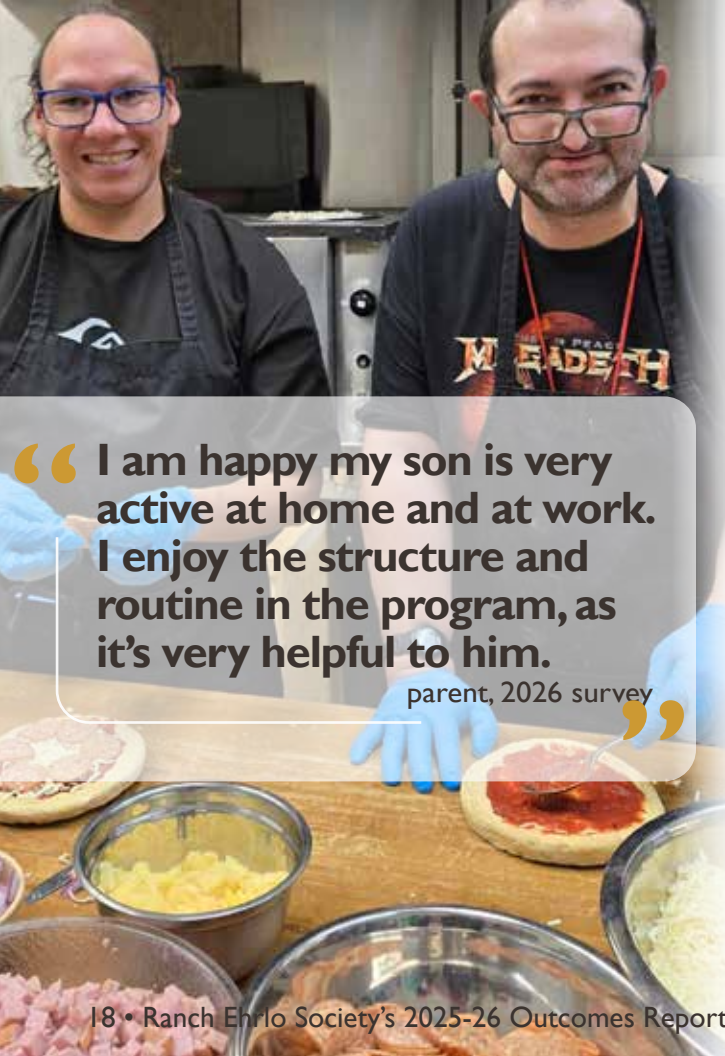
9% of former youth are working part or full-time (or attending training)



75% of former youth have moderate to high involvement in recreation/community services



5% of former youth are on their own



Supported Living Programs

Ranch Ehrlo Society supports persons experiencing disability by providing live-in, educational, clinical, and vocational programs to people with multiple, complex developmental needs. Care and support are focused on person-centred and strength-based services which provide participants the opportunity to develop skills to live more independently in their community.

Participants served

87



Participants discharged

6



“ I am happy my son is very active at home and at work. I enjoy the structure and routine in the program, as it's very helpful to him.

parent, 2026 survey ”

Sweet Grass Café, operated by participants in Ranch Ehrlo's vocational programs, reached a key milestone after successfully passing its public health inspection and becoming a fully licensed kitchen in September 2025. While the catering operation is not yet open to the general public, the achievement marks an important step toward future opportunities. The café currently provides catering for internal meetings and training sessions, as well as food for weekly First Nation sweat ceremonies at Piapot First Nation, where community members participate alongside youth and staff from 12 GLTS homes in Regina and Pilot Butte.

After nearly four years of planning, a lifelong dream and important milestone came true for Kris, a longtime participant in Ranch Ehrlo Society's Supported Living Program. As part of her journey toward greater independence and community participation, Kris travelled to Sesame Place in Philadelphia.

The experience was made possible through coordinated fundraising, vocational earnings, recycling initiatives, and community partnerships led by her care team and support network. Kris travelled with caregivers in June and spent five days engaging in activities at the theme park and surrounding attractions.

Accessibility at Heritage Lake was improved with the addition of new stairs leading to the shoreline and sauna, providing participants, including those in Supported Living Programs, with easier access to the water and recreational opportunities for the therapeutic camping program.



“ Staff are all easy going. I am on same level as them and I can trust them. There is a feeling of welcoming. ”

participant, 2026 survey

80% of participants are satisfied with the vocational services.



Vocational programs

Ranch Ehrlo has five different learning and vocation programs for participants experiencing developmental and cognitive disabilities.

Some vocational participants work alongside Ranch Ehrlo's property management team, contributing to their community while building meaningful relationships. One example is the Vocational Training Employment Program, where participants focus on developing life skills, gaining vocational training, and taking part in supervised work experiences.



“ I like my work.
It helps me
focus, be
respectful and
be more kind ”
vocational participant,
2026 survey

The Life Skills Education Program launched a new creative work project this year focused on building teamwork and cultural learning. With the purchase of two printing presses, the crew opened the Learn Life apparel and printing business.

More than a dozen participants, supported by staff, are now taking on custom printing projects from across the agency and have introduced their own Seven Sacred Teachings product line, with new apparel released throughout the year. Participants have embraced the project, finding joy while strengthening their life skills.



Education

Ranch Ehrlo offers alternative education opportunities to students who have faced challenges or limited experience in traditional school settings. Our education centres provide youth with an accredited educational curriculum and additional learning resources. We also have classrooms in the cities of Regina and Prince Albert to help students integrate into mainstream education.

Families satisfied or very satisfied with the educational services and/or vocational training during their child's stay at Ranch Ehrlo

77%

“ Teachers listen to how we are feeling and create workarounds to help me. ”
student, 2026 survey

Participants and education staff integrate with First Nations and Métis culture into daily learning through hands-on activities. Last winter, students took part in a birch bark biting session, followed by a beading workshop, where they created their own beaded lanyards. These experiences supported cultural learning, creativity, and connection, strengthening identity and fostering belonging through meaningful, program-level engagement.

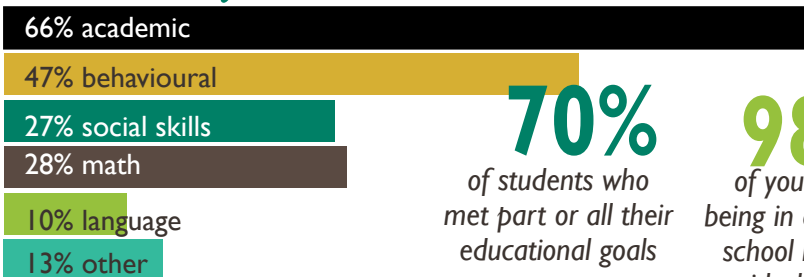
A new classroom initiative welcomed George Gordon First Nation member Kohkum Sherry Cochrane into elementary and middle years classrooms, giving students regular opportunities to learn from her First Nation teachings and lived experience. Her presence strengthens cultural understanding, builds meaningful connections, and enriches the learning environment.



of youth demonstrated improved reading levels, as determined through standardized testing. Many of the youth we serve have been out of school for years and may enter our programs with significant gaps in foundational literacy skills. Despite these challenges, youth are making measurable gains in their reading abilities.

“ I am ecstatic about my daughter’s placement, as school was a negative issue prior to care. She is finally succeeding at school and is very happy. ”
family, 2026 survey

Student challenges at admission



70%

of students who met part or all their educational goals

98%

of youth reported being in a Ranch Ehrlo school helped them with their learning



Butterfly teachings

Wing Gretzky, Flappy Gilmore, and Wing Diesel were among the classroom favourites during a butterfly project that gave students a firsthand look at the life cycle of a butterfly.

Over several weeks, students watched caterpillars grow, form cocoons, and emerge as butterflies in teacher Randee Patton’s class. Along the way, the students learned about respect for living things and the significance of butterflies in Indigenous teachings as symbols of transformation.

The project concluded with a trip to Regina Beach, where students released the butterflies into their new home.

Family Treatment Program

Helping families stay together

The Family Treatment Program, which started in 2006 with two families, now supports 33 families at any time, helping improve family safety, family functioning and child well-being. Staff work alongside families to prevent children from entering care and support reunification when children have been placed outside the home through counselling, parenting education, life-skills development and connections to community resources.

87%

of families
reunified



83

families
served



170

children remained
safely with family



83%

of parents were very
satisfied with services
(17% satisfied)



SINCE 2016

833

children either remained safely with
family or were reunified with their parents.

509

children
remained safely
with family at the
end of intervention.

324

children
were reunified with
their parents.



Creating meaningful moments together

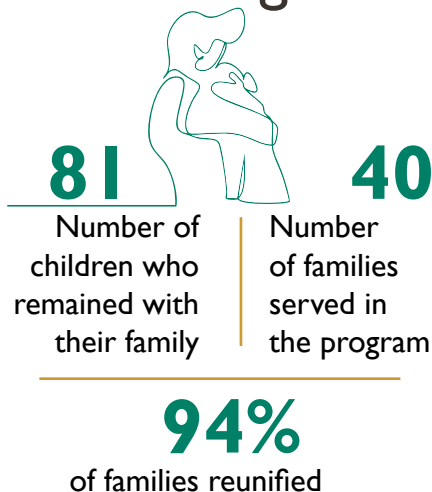
The Family Treatment Program helps families build stronger relationships not only through counselling and skill development, but by creating opportunities to reconnect. During the holidays, staff and community partners work together to provide gifts, meals and shared experiences that bring families together. These moments help children and parents create positive memories, strengthen family bonds and build traditions they can carry into the future.

Family Centred Addictions Program

Healing together

The Family Centred Addictions Program (FCAP) supports individuals experiencing substance misuse while keeping families together. Families live in secure two- or three-bedroom apartments with 24/7 on-site staff support while participating in structured daily programming.

Treatment addresses substance use, trauma, mental health, co-dependency and family dynamics while helping parents build the skills needed to create safe, stable homes for their children.



Since program inception, over 120 families have completed the program.

discharge since inception

80%
of families had one or more children remain at home or reunite with their families.

353
children remained with their families.

100% of parents were very satisfied with services

Looking ahead

To meet growing community need, Ranch Ehrlo Society is expanding the Family Centred Addictions Program in Moose Jaw. The new location will allow up to 16 families to live together while receiving addiction treatment, parenting support and mental health services in a safe, family-centred environment.

“I really love how the program helped my family in the reunification process. We were so disconnected, but we really learned how to be a family again.”

—Violet Sanderson, program graduate

The expansion will help more families remain together, strengthen family relationships, and build healthier futures.



*Program started
in 2009 serving 6
families at this time.*

Intensive Family Preservation Services

The program is an intensive in-home family treatment program designed to keep children and families safe and prevent out-of-home placement of children. The time-limited services are family-focused, child-centred, goal-oriented, and provide in-home skills building, and after-care supports and linkages.

“ The preservation therapists do a great job at providing constant support, education and advocacy for the families we work with. ”

referring worker



92% of parents who were satisfied or very satisfied with the services they received



88% of families stayed together



28 families served, 55 children remain with families

Treatment Foster CARE

This program, which started in 2012 and operates in northern and southern Saskatchewan, provides family-based care for children using professional foster parents. Foster families support the care, treatment, and community engagement of the children while helping to develop and strengthen healthy relationships with birth or reunification families.



Every summer, children in Ranch Ehrlo's northern Treatment Foster Care program create lasting memories as they explore new places across North America with foster families who welcome them with open hearts.



Closer to home, children spent a day near Muenster learning land-based and survival skills — from first aid to building a shelter together. Experiences like these build confidence, support mental wellness, strengthen cultural connections, and create opportunities for growth.

“ You have to find a way to build a relationship with them... get to know them, learn what they like, find out what they enjoy, and start there. ”

— Martine Ahenakew, former Treatment Foster Care birth mother

BY THE NUMBERS



95% of children improved functioning based on CAFAS



75% of children showed progress in service goals



28 children served



“Everyone I’ve interacted with at Ehrlo has been compassionate, effective, and supportive.”

— Client

“The clinicians I have seen over several years have been essential for helping me through my depression and life issues. I am very grateful for their support since I have been seeing them.”

— Client

Ehrlo Counselling Services/Thundering Buffalo Lodge

Ehrlo Counselling Services/Thundering Buffalo Lodge provides counselling, training, and consultation to Ranch Ehrlo clients and the broader community since 1998. Through prevention and early intervention, the program helps individuals and families build resilience and supports healthier communities.



Funding expands mental health services

Community funding helped Ehrlo Counselling Services (ECS) expand access to mental health supports. Through the Saskatchewan Community Foundation’s Anonymous Donor Fund, ECS continued to provide pro bono counselling for individuals and families facing barriers to care, while the Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Fund supported a new Winter Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) group, giving clients practical skills to strengthen emotional well-being.

BY THE NUMBERS



93% of clients that agreed or strongly agreed that counselling helped them



725 pro bono mental health sessions valued at \$116,067.20



500 clients served

Little voices, big experience

The children from EELC Gladys McDonald took over the airwaves during a special visit to Regina's Rawlco Radio in December 2025. They met the on-air team, explored the studio, and recorded a holiday message that was shared with listeners across the city. The hands-on experience sparked curiosity, built confidence, and brought learning to life through exploration.



From two children to five locations

What started with two children in 2002 has grown into five early learning centres, including our newest location in tawâw School. Meaning “come in” or “you are welcome” in Cree, tawâw reflects our commitment to welcoming children and families.

Ehrlo Early Learning Centres

The Ehrlo Early Learning Centres (EELC) provide high quality childcare to families in Regina at five separate locations. Our philosophy is based upon experiential learning.



I feel confident in sending my child to the centre knowing her development milestones are being met.



— Parent



99% of parents said centre programs support their child's social, physical, intellectual, cognitive, and emotional growth



98% of parents said early childhood educators met or exceeded their expectations and were exceptionally qualified to care for their children



42 | children served



Ehrlo Housing

Ehrlo Housing provides affordable housing to low-income families, individuals with chronic mental health conditions, and young people transitioning from care.



52

families served at 43
units at Lakeshore Village
(purchased in 1997)



12

youth served at
eight Chaz Court
units (opened in
2014)



40

adults served
at 39 McEwen
Manor units
(opened 2012)

“

Thank you so much for being so patient with me with everything I've went through. Words can't describe how thankful I am to have such wonderful, accommodating landlords that listen and truly care for their tenants. I appreciate you!

”

— Ehrlo Housing tenant



Community Living Supports

Launched in January 2026, Community Living Supports (CLS) provides flexible, person-centred services that enhance quality of life for individuals living with disabilities while supporting families and caregivers. CLS includes Respite Care and Respite Home programs, offering supports that promote independence, stability, and well-being.

Creating pathways of support

Ranch Ehrlo Society's newest service recently welcomed a full-time registered nurse to the team, enhancing person-centred support for individuals with complex medical needs.

CLS also continues to demonstrate the importance of flexible care options. One individual transitioned from the Respite Home into a foster home after the space was needed for a child requiring more specialized supports — creating a new pathway of care while ensuring each person's unique needs are met.

Early impact



3

individuals
supported
through Medical/
Respite Home since
opening



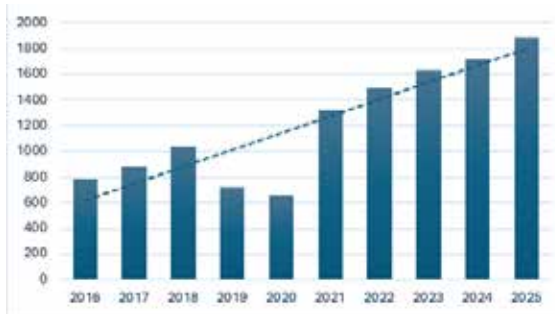
Growing community interest

Families have reached out to learn more about in-home respite supports, highlighting the need for flexible caregiver services.



Ehrlo Sport Venture 1,800 youth participated

Ehrlo Sport Venture, founded in 1994, ensures all youth and families have access to recreational programs including free sports leagues and an equipment lending library where sports equipment can be borrowed free-of-charge.



Over the past 10 years, Ehrlo Sport Venture's community access leagues have experienced steady growth, creating more opportunities for youth to participate in sport, build connections and be active in their communities.



262

youth participated
in the Ehrlo Monday
Night Football League



474

youth participated
in the Ehrlo
Basketball League



424

youth participated
in the Ehrlo Baseball
Rookie League



257

youth participated
in the Ehrlo Soccer
League



463

youth participated
in the Outdoor
Hockey League

60 years of building brighter futures

And the next chapter is just beginning.

For six decades, Ranch Ehrlo Society has been creating opportunities, strengthening communities, and helping people thrive. Thank you to the youth, families, staff, Elders, partners, and supporters who have shaped our story.



CWLC+LBEC



uKeru

