

Staffing

Choices For Youth is staffed with a Teacher and a Child and Youth Worker at each site location. As well, the program staff includes a Supervisor, an Intake Worker and other support staff.

Intake

Choices For Youth is a voluntary program. Only expelled students are eligible for enrollment. An introductory meeting is arranged with the co-ordinator, which focuses on program expectations such as attendance, achievement, behaviour, as well as a needs assessment.

Program Operation

Choices For Youth operates Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at both Cambridge and Waterloo locations. Throughout the semester the program does participate in adventure based experiences that often involve overnight and adventure based trips. Lunch is 45 minutes in length and students must remain in the building during this time.

Circle of Support

The Waterloo Region District School Board and the **Choices For Youth** program have worked closely with many local agencies and community organizations, both in the design and the implementation of the **Choices For Youth** program.

These agencies and organizations will continue to be involved in assisting our students to reintegrate successfully back into the school environment.

“My son had, and still has, a solid group of people who worked extremely hard to change his life. I can never thank them enough for their hard work.”

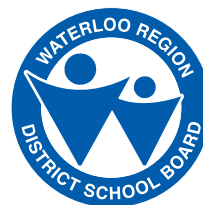
— Parent of Choices student

“There have been many things I have learned through these experiences. What I feel is the most important thing I have learned is the impact of my words and actions on other people.”

— Former student



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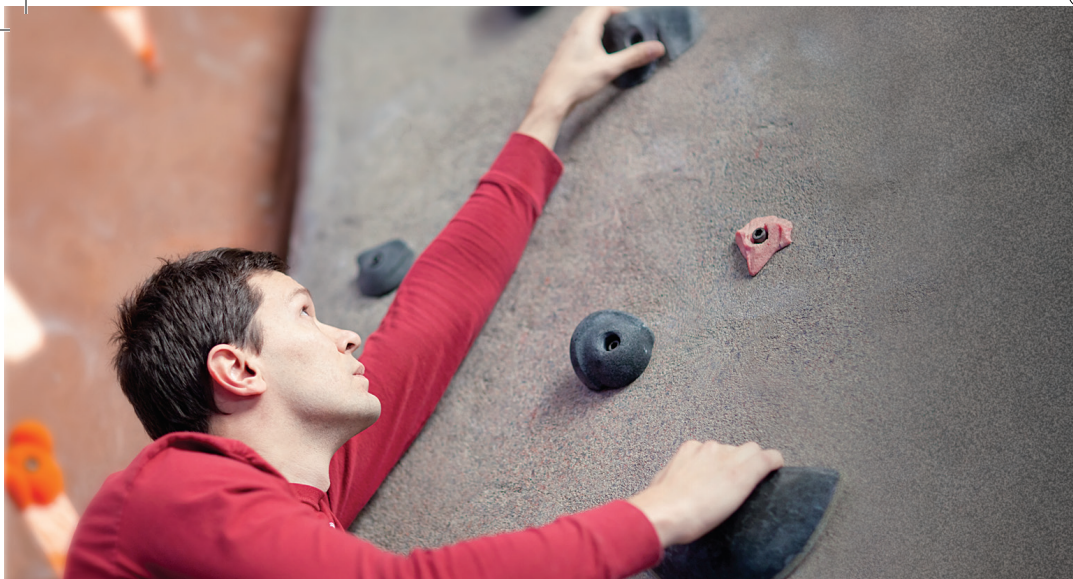
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Choices For Youth is designed to meet the needs of students who have been expelled from their school board. The program is available for all grade levels. The length of stay in the program will be dependent upon successful completion of program outcomes.

The program is delivered through a number of experiential approaches. **These include:**

Upon completion of the program students will be supported to enter into **one of the following:**

- Service Learning
- Adventure Based
- Group Development

- Mainstream School
- World of Work
- Community Programs

Program Components Academic Support

- Remedial assistance in literacy and numeracy
- Special education support
- Academic assessments
- Grade level academic programming
- Credit courses
- Independent learning courses
- Credit recovery
- ELearning
- ELL (English Language Learner)

Social and Emotional Skill Development

- Anger management
- Conflict resolution
- Social skills development
- Self-awareness and insight development
- Leadership development
- Mediation skills development
- Social responsibility development
- Learning skills, preferences and strategies
- Setting goals and monitoring progress
- Creative thinking and problem solving
- Adapting to change
- Life-long learning skills

Career Development

- Exploring careers / education / training
- Resume creation
- Career readiness inventory skills
- Job shadowing

Individual Support

- Short-term individual and group counselling
- Mentoring skills
- Reintegration and follow-up support

Parental Outreach

- Referrals to community agencies
- Facilitation of re-entry process
- Follow-up

