

A Hand Of Hope Reaches Out From Enterphase Child & Family Services

A helping hand to a youth in crisis can be the lifeline they need to escape from a world that seems to have no hope.

Enterphase Child and Family Services is such a helping hand to young people as young as 5 and as old as 18.

For these troubled youth, Enterphase has given them the chance to experience what life is like when people care about their future. One filled with promise and hope.

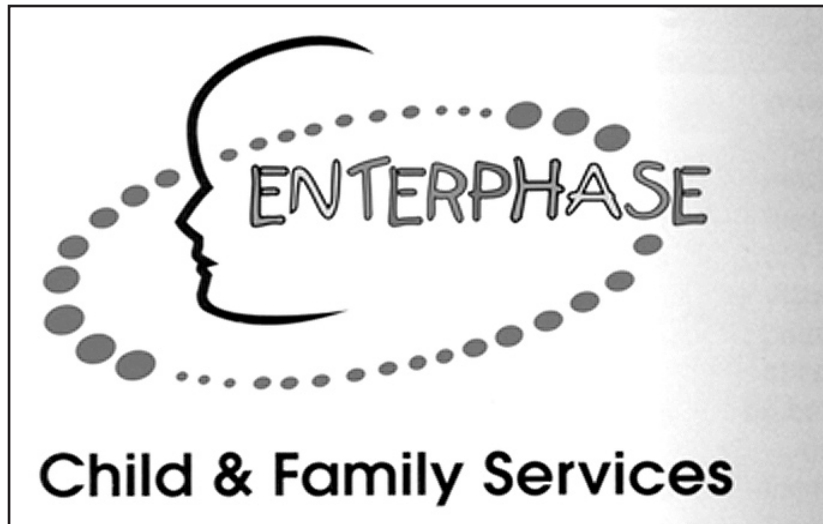
Those that come to Enterphase residential programs are identified by the Children's Aid Society and referred to their agency.

Once a needs assessment is done the child can then be placed in one of the Enterphase residences in Durham. Currently there are 57 young people in their care.

Each child has a program developed to fit their needs, one of which is their education because in their troubled life before coming to Enterphase, school may not have been a big priority.

"We first want the children to feel safe," says Harold Cleary, Director for Enterphase. "Then they can focus on positive changes in their lives."

Enterphase uses a family team approach to the child's program. It includes family members, a social



worker, therapist and even friends and teachers.

In their program they will also learn life skills that may include anger management, problem solving and learning how to make good decisions.

When it comes to school, Enterphase has classrooms with no more than 10 students and staff to help them with their school work.

Enterphase also has day treatment programs which work closely with the residential programs to extend the treatment plan into the classroom setting. These programs are close to the residence with the long term goal of integrating the child into the mainstream school system.

"Our goal is to move the children back into their homes or a foster home as well as to live independently," says Harold. "We want them to live in a life removed from the troubled existence that brought them to us in the first place."

At Enterphase you'll find a staff that works hard to achieve this goal.

"We have a hardworking, dedicated staff who really care about the children," says Harold. "And while the kids eventually leave Enterphase, the staff are always here to help when they need it."

Enterphase is located at 209 Bond St. E. in Oshawa. To learn more call (905) 434-8909 or visit their website at www.enterphase.com