



BECKET – NL INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICES

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Becket Integrated Youth Services (IYS) Scaling: Central and Eastern Rural Communities in Newfoundland and Labrador

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in establishing a Becket Integrated Youth Services (IYS) hub in your community and joining the growing Becket Network across Newfoundland and Labrador

Becket Integrated Youth Services is preparing to scale into additional communities across Newfoundland and Labrador, with a focus on Central and Eastern Rural regions. This expansion will build on the existing Becket hubs in St. John's, Corner Brook, and the newest Hub to be announced, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, supporting a growing provincial network of youth-friendly, low-barrier services for young people ages 12 to 29 that focus on the well-being of young people.

Through an Expression of Interest process, Becket will identify communities and partners that are ready to develop integrated youth services hubs. These sites will bring together mental health, primary care, housing, employment, and community supports in one connected model of care, helping young people access the right support, at the right time, close to home.

Becket is looking for short ***Expressions of Interest*** (EOIs) from communities and service partnerships interested in establishing a Becket Hub in **Central and Eastern Rural Communities in Newfoundland and Labrador**.

The EOI is the first step in determining a new Becket hub and the organization that will lead it.

Please send all EOI submissions to [**info.iys@choicesforyouth.ca**](mailto:info.iys@choicesforyouth.ca)

For more information:

- Visit the Becket website at gotobecket.ca
- Submit questions via email to [**info.iys@choicesforyouth.ca**](mailto:info.iys@choicesforyouth.ca)

Background

About Becket and the Integrated Youth Services (IYS) Model

Becket is Newfoundland and Labrador's Integrated Youth Services (IYS) initiative, working to improve youth well-being through accessible, youth-friendly, and integrated supports for young people ages 12 to 29.

Becket is part of a growing pan-Canadian movement transforming how youth and families access care and support services. Across Canada, IYS networks are bringing together primary care, mental health, housing, employment, and community services into coordinated "one-stop shop" models designed with and for youth.

The Becket model is grounded in the belief that young people and families should have a voice in their care, and that finding support should not be difficult. Services are designed to be:

- Low barrier
- Trauma-informed
- Youth-centered
- Culturally safe
- Collaborative and integrated

Each Becket hub reflects the unique strengths and needs of the community it serves while aligning with provincial and national IYS principles and standards (see Figure A1).

Current Becket hubs include:

- St. John's
- Corner Brook
- Happy Valley–Goose Bay (in development)

Through this EOI process, Becket aims to continue scaling services into Central and Eastern Rural Newfoundland and Labrador communities (see Figure A2).

Common Elements of a Becket Hub

Successful Becket hubs typically include:

- A collaborative governance structure with a clearly identified Lead Agency and core community partners
- Youth and family engagement in design, implementation, and evaluation
- Timely access to integrated services
- A youth-friendly, accessible physical space

- Outreach, navigation, and family supports
- Participation in the provincial Becket Network
- Standardized data collection and evaluation activities aligned with provincial and national IYS frameworks

Becket Structure

The Becket IYS network operates on a collaborative framework involving various stakeholders, each playing a distinct role in the provision of comprehensive support services to youth across a region. The structure of the IYS network encompasses backbone agencies, lead agencies, governmental entities, and the health authority, each contributing to the seamless functioning of the network.

Backbone Agency:

At the core of the Becket IYS network lies the backbone agency, Choices for Youth, which serves as the foundational support system providing essential infrastructure and strategic leadership. The backbone team assumes responsibility for critical functions such as Human Resources, Fund Development and Communications, Finance, Data and Evaluation, and property development and management support. Moreover, the backbone agency offers overarching strategic guidance and oversight, ensuring alignment with the network's objectives and facilitating effective collaboration among stakeholders.

Lead Agencies:

Lead agencies within the Becket IYS network are tasked with the direct delivery of services and programs to youth within their respective domains. These agencies serve as frontline service providers, offering a wide array of support services tailored to meet the diverse needs of youth across different communities. Lead agencies work closely with the backbone team to ensure the seamless integration of services and adherence to established standards of care.

Role of Government:

We are proud to partner with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on the development and implementation of Becket in NL. Through investments from both the provincial and federal government (via Health Canada), we are happy to be scaling this model across the province in collaboration with local operational leads.

Role of Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NLHS):

Within the Becket IYS network, NLHS is responsible for the provision of healthcare services, including mental health support, primary care, public health, and specialized services, to youth within their respective jurisdictions. NLHS collaborates closely with backbone and lead agencies to integrate healthcare services seamlessly into the broader spectrum of support services offered by the Becket IYS network. NLHS is currently implementing Family Care Teams, a new model of Primary Health Care service delivery across NL. Family Care Teams provide a framework to reorganize and expand on existing community-based health services and to modernize and increase the adaptability and agility of the NL health care system. The vision for NL Family Care Teams is to give every person in the province timely access to health and social services, and to continuous care centred in the community as part of a well-connected network. This includes providing an innovative working environment that attracts Health Care Practitioners and allows them to flourish by supporting and promoting their professional growth, satisfaction, and well-being. Family Care Teams will be enabled and strengthened by inter-professional teams working collaboratively, with individuals and their families, to focus on all aspects of health and wellness. This will lead to greater stability and sustainability of the public healthcare system.

The Family Care Team model will have identified governance structures to support collaboration with community partners and organizations, including a local leadership committee where representatives of all key partners will collaborate on providing the best possible care to individuals, families, and local populations, including addressing the factors that influence health the most – the social determinants of health. The Family Care Team model's purpose and values are complementary to those of the IYS model of care. Family Care Teams are either in place or in the development phase in each of the regions where IYS steering committees are established. For areas where teams are not yet in place, the expectation would be that Becket IYS works with NLHS to build partnerships with existing NLHS primary health care services while the team is being formed.

NLHS will support the implementation of Becket IYS by providing part of the core services to each Becket location. This service provision will be accomplished through systems transformation, in-kind services, or service sharing, and/or allocation of new resources to a Becket IYS site. As new sites are confirmed, NLHS will identify services available within the jurisdiction from existing supports, which can be provided and will identify any potential new services and supports that are needed to fill gaps. Core services to be provided by NLHS may include:

- Primary Care Services (Nurse Practitioner/Family Physician)
- Mental Health and Addictions Services (Doorways, Youth Outreach Worker, FACT, Opioid Dependence Team, Counselling and Addictions Services)
- Public Health (Health Promotion/Prevention, Communicable Disease Control, Growth and Development in the Early Years)

In describing the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder within the network, the IYS framework fosters collaboration, innovation, and excellence in service delivery, empowering youth to thrive and reach their full potential.

Submission Requirements

Your EOI should be submitted in the form of a letter (Word or PDF format) responding to the questions below. The submission should be concise and should not exceed three (3) pages.

Should your application be invited to move to the next stage, there will be an opportunity to expand upon your responses through a full proposal process.

Eligibility

The following groups are eligible to apply as the Lead Agency for the Becket Integrated Youth Services (IYS) initiative:

- Non-profit organizations
- Registered charitable organizations
- Band and Tribal Councils
- Indigenous communities, including First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities
- Municipalities
- Post-secondary institutions

Applicants must demonstrate the capacity to support youth and families, work collaboratively with community partners and Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services, and deliver or coordinate integrated, youth-centred services. Organizations are encouraged to leverage existing partnerships, community strengths, and culturally responsive approaches to support youth well-being across Newfoundland and Labrador.

EOI Questions

1) Lead Agency and Organizational Capacity

Please identify the proposed Lead Agency and briefly explain why your organization is well-positioned to lead this work.

This may include:

- Experience supporting youth and families
- Experience in youth mental health, substance use, housing, employment, or community services
- Existing community partnerships and collaborations
- Commitment to youth engagement and equity-focused approaches

2) Partnerships and Integrated Services

Briefly describe the partnerships you anticipate will support the governance and service delivery of the hub. Please identify what services partners may provide in alignment with Becket's core service areas, including:

- Mental health supports
- Primary care
- Housing supports
- Employment and education supports
- Community and cultural supports

You are not required to have confirmed commitments at this stage; however, applicants should demonstrate early relationship-building and collaboration.

3) Readiness and Infrastructure

The ideal lead agencies have the ability to demonstrate both regional need for a Becket hub and the capacity to successfully implement and operate the model. Please briefly describe your community's need and readiness to implement a Becket IYS hub within the proposed timelines and budget framework, including whether a potential site or location has been identified.

4) Community Vision

Please share your vision for a Becket Hub in your community and describe the unique strengths, opportunities, and contributions your organization and community would bring to the Becket Network.

Resources and Supports Available

Funding and Implementation Supports

Funding through this initiative is intended to support the development and implementation of new Becket hubs, including:

- Securing and preparing physical space
- Capital renovations and youth-friendly design
- Core staffing and implementation supports
- Youth and family engagement activities
- Service integration and partnerships

- Data, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement activities

Funding amounts:

- \$1,390,650 (Capital)
- \$580,612 (Operational)*

*Note: Operational funding will be prorated based on the start date of operations.

Implementation timelines will be shared in greater detail during the full application.

Selection Criteria

Preference may be given to communities and organizations that:

1. Clearly demonstrate alignment with the Integrated Youth Services model
2. Demonstrate readiness and capacity to implement a Becket hub within proposed timelines
3. Demonstrate strong partnerships and collaborative governance approaches
4. Demonstrate meaningful engagement with youth and families
5. Have a suitable location identified or a clear plan to secure one
6. Demonstrate an understanding of local youth needs and service gaps
7. Demonstrate commitment to equity, accessibility, and culturally safe approaches, including partnerships with Indigenous organizations and communities where appropriate

Becket Integrated Youth Services is supported through partnerships with community organizations, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services, government, youth, families, and philanthropic partners, working together to improve outcomes for young people across Newfoundland and Labrador.



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Appendix

Figure A1

10 Principles for Integrated Youth Services

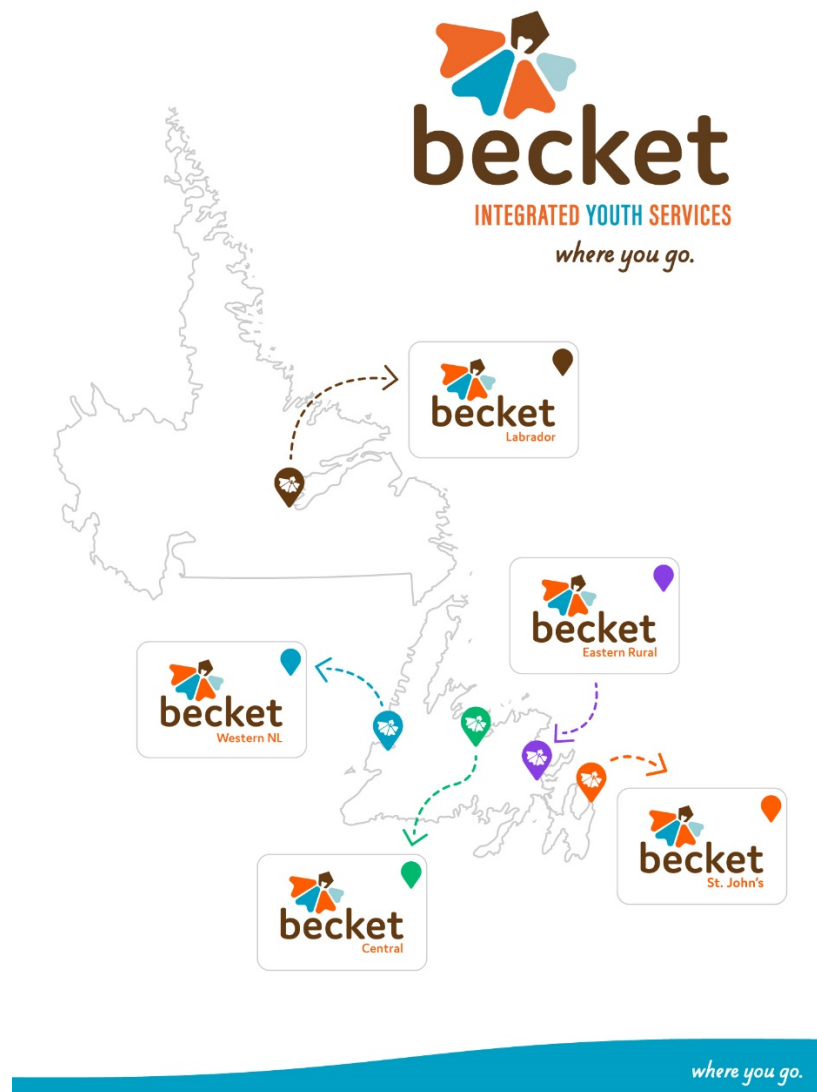


Note. 10 principles for Integrated Youth Services to guide operations and align all hubs. From *10 Principles for IYS — Integrated Youth Services*. <https://iys-sij.org/materials/10-principles>.

Appendix

Figure A2

Map of Becket Newfoundland and Labrador



Note. This figure includes pinpoints for the established Becket St. John's, Becket Western NL, and Becket Labrador, as well as the upcoming Becket Central and Becket Eastern Rural.