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**FAQ's about the residential
and educational programs at
Ranch Ehrlo Society**



The purpose of this brochure is to answer any question you might have about the residential and educational programs and services at Ranch Ehrlo Society.

What is Ranch Ehrlo?

Ranch Ehrlo Society is a non-profit, registered charitable organization dedicated to providing a range of quality assessment, treatment, education and support services that improves the social and emotional functioning of children and youth referred to our program.

We operate in a warm, nurturing environment that promotes dignity and self-respect offsetting problems created by poverty, neglect, addictions, violence and racism. We believe the culture of our youth and families need to be celebrated.

The Ranch has residential and educational programs at the Pilot Butte campus, in the City of Regina, in the City of Prince Albert, at its Buckland campus outside of Prince Albert and at its Corman Park campus outside the City of Saskatoon.

How are children referred?

Case managers refer children to the Ranch who require intensive care and treatment for specific problems. Referral sources include the Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services, First Nations Child & Family agencies, as well as some out-of-province agencies.

Each referral source pays the cost of residency for the child that is placed.

How long do residents stay at the Ranch?

The Ranch is a long-term resource for young people with a variety of personal issues. Depending on the problems being addressed, the length of residency can vary from a few months up to several years.

What are the ages of the residents?

The Ranch serves three age groups of young people:

- 12 years of age and under form about 10% of the population. It is our position that, unless serious problems are identified requiring a group-treatment environment, younger children are better served in a family setting rather than group care.
- 13 to 18 years of age constitute 70% of the population.
- Over 18 years of age comprise about 20% of residents. These adults usually display complex challenges.



What is the treatment process?

The treatment programs we offer are based on four cornerstones.

1. Clinical treatment
2. Education
3. Work
4. Recreation

Clinical treatment

Clinical caseworkers provide youth with individual counselling, specialized group work, aftercare planning and follow-up family work.

Psychiatric consultation, psychological services, and social casework are provided for each child as required.

Education

Most youth coming to Ranch Ehrlo have had little success in school. Frustration and failure have often led to anger or withdrawal.



As a result, they are no longer interested in learning. To meet this challenge, we offer specialized education which stabilizes a youth's behaviour and builds academic skills.

Work

Work placements for the youth at the Ranch are many and varied, depending upon age, maturity, and ability. For some of the youth, work may involve household chores. For others, work can take the form of paid part-time employment.

Recreation

Programs such as tobogganing, floor hockey, or a trip to the beach are designed to add to the treatment process and help youth develop relationships, sharing skills, individual talents, and team participation.

We also provide group learning opportunities. These programs are designed to enhance social, cultural, and creative skills.

What type of behaviour management is used?

Behaviour management is central to the work of the Ranch. It is achieved without any form of corporal punishment. Expectations are clearly defined by our competent staff, who use relationships to interact with each youth in a differential way.

Punishments are not used at the Ranch. Rather counselling and therapeutic approaches are used to help residents maintain control.

Tell me more about education?

The Independent Schools Branch of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education accredits the educational programs of the Ranch.

We operate the following school programs:

Schaller Education Centre

- The Pilot Butte Campus offers a school for youth who are new to Ranch Ehrlo. It is designed to provide academic assessment, modified programs, and behavioural stabilization in preparation for future educational placements.
- Classrooms operated by Ranch Ehrlo in Regina provide youth with opportunities to integrate into mainstream education. Students are placed in classrooms (elementary or high school) appropriate to their age, academic capabilities, and specific treatment issues.
- A Transition Program located in Regina prepares youth to transition from their intake and stabilization classroom toward a mainstream placement. It also provides a more structural environment for youth challenged with a more independent learning environment.
- The Learning Centre is designed to meet the needs of participants, 15 years or older, who have severe to

moderate developmental abilities. The programming involves ongoing social and life skills development, simple vocational training through constant, repetitive routines.

Ellen Gunn Education Centre

- Youth new to Ranch Ehrlo who reside on the Corman Park Campus attend the on-site school designed to provide academic assessment, modified academics, and behavioral stabilization in preparation for future educational placements. Following this placement, students are placed in Saskatoon schools appropriate to their age, academic capabilities, and specific treatment needs.
- Youth new to Buckland/Prince Albert programs attend Boucher School which provides academic assessment, modified programs, and behavioral stabilization. Following this, students are placed in one of two classrooms operated by Ranch Ehrlo in Sask Rivers School Division or are fully main streamed appropriate to their age, academic capabilities, and specific treatment needs.

Vocational opportunities

- The Community Vocational Education Program (CVEP) offers pre-employment skills development. These learning opportunities range from supported group employment skills training through to independent employment. Job coaches are provided for on-site work experience.
- Schaller College offers the Essential 1 Computer Technical certification as a satellite program of SIAST.
- Avant-Garde College is a cosmetology and esthetics training college and salon. Classes in esthetics, cosmetology are held throughout the year.
- Pre-Trades Construction Project prepares youth for entry level employment in construction using a combination of classroom, workshop and on-the-job training experiences.

What is the success rate?



While youth are in residence, nearly all of them achieve the goals they have identified in collaboration with their caseworkers, parents, residential staff, and teachers.

An annual individualized plan, which shows the youth's progress toward goals, is developed and regularly updated for each youth in our treatment and education program.

At the time of discharge, most youth feel very positive about their achievements and staff are proud of the youth's accomplishments. Support systems provided by family and community influence the sustainability of this success.

How are high standards assured?

The Ranch is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, an internationally recognized, independent accreditor of community-based behavioural health care and social service organizations. The Council has developed and maintains standards that are on the leading-edge of best practices. These standards have guided the work of the agency historically in developing its services.

How is the Ranch governed?

The Ranch has a volunteer board of directors, comprised of citizens representing various constituencies within Saskatchewan. The role of the board is to set policy, establish direction, and develop short and long-term goals.

What is the relationship between Ranch Ehrlo and Ehrlo Community Services?

Ehrlo Community Services was created in 1995 as an associated charity to Ranch Ehrlo. Its purpose was to build community-based prevention programs, including Ehrlo Housing, Ehrlo Sports Venture and Ehrlo Counselling Services. In May 2011 the two organizations amalgamated, which allows us to focus on providing a full continuum of programs and services to clients and to the public.

How did Ranch Ehrlo get its name?

The original property was the home of Cliff and Julia Ehrle, who called the property Ranch Ehrlo. They sold the property with a minimal down payment. In recognition of their generosity, we maintained the original name. With incorporation, the word society was added, thereby creating the Ranch Ehrlo Society.

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