

# SEMIAHMOO HOUSE SOCIETY ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY SERVICES

## DROP IN SERVICES

## PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK



Photo taken by Rod Field

## **Description of Services**

### **DROP IN PROGRAM LOCATION**

Unit # 3 13550 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue Surrey, B.C. V3W 6Y3

### **Hours of Operation**

Tuesdays 1:30 pm – 7:30 pm

### **Contact Information**

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Program Coordinator

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### **Program Description**

The ABI Drop In Centre is for adults who are looking for new social connections in a fun and safe environment. This service runs on a weekly basis (excluding holidays).

The staff who work at the center facilitate a variety of activities based on member's interests and feedback. Members can choose from some of the following activities:

- Community Kitchen
- Board Games & Computer Access
- Social and Group Activities
- Crafts

### **Criteria**

You **must meet** the following requirements to participate independently at the Drop In:

- Must be a minimum of 19 years of age
- be able to manage your own self care (medication & personal care)
- be able to participate in activities with minimal supervision (10:1 ratio)
- be able to arrive and leave on your own
- follow the rules of membership & not present a safety risk to yourself and/or others

If you require additional support, please bring your own support staff or family member to assist you. Program Coordinator may request documentation from physician indicating that you have acquired a brain injury.

### **Drop In Agreement**

Drop In members must closely adhere to the Drop In rules, rights and responsibilities and any safety precautions outlined by Drop In staff while participating in Drop In programs and activities.

SHS Drop In encourages members' decision-making and independence. While at the Drop In, members may freely choose to participate in programs and activities.

It is important to Semiahmoo House Society (hereafter indicated as SHS) that we offer a safe and supportive environment for adults with acquired brain injuries that will allow them to access recreation, leisure activities and resources. However, as a member, caregiver or guardian, you should consider the potential risks inherent at our Drop In.

### **Inherent Risks of Drop In Services**

Each program activity carries inherent risks for members. These risks include, but are not limited to, slips, falls and minor burns etc. In case of an emergency, participants supported by Semiahmoo House Society shall have access to prompt, effective medical attention, as it is required.

### **Level of Supervision**

The Drop In provides staff supervised recreation and leisure activities on site, however we do not facilitate off site programming at our Drop In. Members may choose to leave the premises and return of their own accord but must advise staff they are leaving. Staff do not monitor members who smoke while outside the premises.

Programs and activities at the Drop In site are staffed with minimal supervision. Drop In staff are not able to supervise members drop offs or pick ups at the site therefore we cannot be responsible for members before they arrive at the site or once they have left the Drop In premises. All members are able to come and leave the site of their own accord.

### **Photo and Media Consent**

Upon entering the Drop In a consent form or withdrawal of consent is signed by the participant or designated person with signing authority.

### **Responsibilities of Drop In Members**

In order to have fun and ensure a safe environment and to help others enjoy the Drop In, I as a member promise to follow these rules:

- It is my responsibility to refrain from inappropriate use of the computers while at the Day Program; sexual explicit websites and chat rooms.
- It is my responsibility to not drink or use drugs in the Drop In, on the surrounding grounds, prior to or during Drop In sponsored activities
- It is my responsibility to not use abusive language, sexually offensive language or physical violence towards other members or Drop In staff
- It is my responsibility to treat others at the Drop In in an appropriate and respectful manner

### **Drop In Fees & Membership**

Members will receive an annual membership card which will be kept on site Membership cards are prorated from the date of purchase

### **Membership Cost**

Individual Cost for annual membership \$30 person

Individuals belonging to a Group or Organization with more than 3 individuals attending will pay an annual membership of \$25 / person

### **Meal and Activity Costs**

Meal voucher cards may be purchased for \$60 which will provide you with 20 meals. Meals provided at the Drop In without a meal voucher will cost \$3.50 / meal. Weekly drop in activities are available at no additional cost.

SHS values the role recreation, leisure and social activities play in our lives. We consider this to be an essential part of the quality of life and community access. We want our services to be financially accessible to everyone. If you are in need of a financial assistance to access services.

Please contact Program Coordinator Sylvia Hoeree at 604-592-1006 ext 230