
Thrive strives to support youth service providers across all sectors in providing the best possible services for young people in our communities. We endeavour to encourage communication, connection and collaboration through the following initiatives:

- ***ThriveTalks:*** Thrive has recently introduced an exciting new professional development series for service providers within the helping professions to come together to learn and network over a complimentary breakfast. Each session features a different keynote presentation on various topics and issues as well as a facilitated networking activity. Sessions are free of charge.
- ***ThriveTours:*** Thrive’s brand new networking series helps service providers “Get to know the Organizations in your Neighbourhood.” Thrive’s organizes bimonthly tours of varying youth-serving organizations with the purpose of staying connected, increasing inter-agency collaboration and maintaining awareness of the services available within our community. Sessions are free of charge.
- ***“What’s Up!” Newsletter:*** Thrive enables over 800 individuals and organizations to quickly share information pertaining to youth through our electronic newsletter “What’s Up!”
- ***Directory of Services for Youth:*** Thrive offers both an online and hardcopy version of a Directory that lists the services available to young people in the St. John’s metro region. The directory is updated annually and can be viewed on our website.
- ***Professional Development & Training Opportunities:*** Thrive offers affordable annual professional development training to youth service providers that is both real and relevant. Thrive strives to ensure that all training provides practical information and best practice skills on the issues that challenge us all as service providers. Youth often co-present and participate in panel discussions such that the youth voice is both heard and utilized.

Thrive is also in the process of developing training modules for front-line youth service providers touching on such topics as Youth Engagement, Learning Challenges, Mental Health, Addictions, etc. This training is meant to provide introductory information and skills for individuals who are new to the field of youth work.

- ***Facilitation Services:*** Thrive offers trained objective facilitators, as part of a larger community collaboration, capable of planning, guiding and managing a diverse range of group events to ensure that the group’s objectives are met effectively.
- ***Self-care Initiatives:*** Over the past few years Thrive’s Support Services Committee has implemented various initiatives to address concerns surrounding self-care, such as bi-monthly self-care sessions for service providers. In addition, Thrive offers various self-care workshops and presentations for service providers that can be delivered in a variety of settings and can be tailored to suit the needs of any particular audience.