

Abby House Clubhouse

January 2025 Program Calendar

**Clubhouse Hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
(Generally Thursdays from 2pm-6pm
for the Young Adults Program)**

**Clubhouse is temporary located at
33889 Essendene Avenue.
Connect with staff for directions.**

**One-on-One Appointments are available daily.
If you would like to meet with staff via Zoom,
Facebook or In-person, please call text or email
to make an appointment.**

How to Connect With Us

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2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Creative Centre Society For Mental Wellness

Funding provided by:



**Clubhouse will be closed on
Wednesday January 1st & 31st**

CLUBHOUSE EVENTS:

*full details of all events on page 6
sign up is required for all events*

Mindful Painting:

Friday, Jan 10th 12pm-2pm at The Hall

Create your own work of art.

Pizza, Games & Gratitude:

Friday, Jan 17th 12pm-2pm at The Hall

Enjoy some fun friendly games and pizza for lunch.

South Asian Group Gathering:

Tuesday, Jan 21st 12pm-2pm

Meet at Castle Fun Park for a fun
game of mini-golf.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**The Abbotsford Community Library is hosting
multiple FREE events open to the community:**

The community library is located at
33355 Bevan Avenue

Saturdays from 11am-4pm: Game Space:

Go with a friend or two and choose from many
board, card or trivia games to play.

Saturdays from 1-3pm: Kept in Stitches:

If you knit, crochet, quilt or weave bring your own
supplies to the library and connect with the group to
share stories, ideas and techniques.

Mondays from 4-7pm: Night Board Games:

Go with a friend or two and choose from many
board, card or trivia games to play.

Follow the link on page 6 for all details

Mondays

10am–Social Connection (In-Person @ Seven Oaks Mall Food Court)
11am– Employment Conversations with Grace (Facebook)
12pm– Tolerating Distress Workshop (Zoom)
1pm– Book Club Discussion (In-person @ The Hall)
2pm– Naloxone Training and Overdose Conversations (Facebook)

Tuesdays

10am-South Asian Connection (1-1 Virtually)
11am–One to One Employment Support Appointments (Virtually)
12pm– Anxiety/Depression Baking Group **except Jan 21st**
1pm - GPU Mental Health Support Group (Staff @ GPU at ARH ****Closed Group****)
2pm– Practicing Self Care (Facebook)

Wednesdays ***CLOSED JANUARY 1ST***

10am-Social Connection (In-Person @ Seven Oaks Mall Food Court) **except Jan 15th**
11am-Work Place Wellness Discussions (Facebook)
12pm– Healthy Relationship Discussions (In-Person @ The Pool Hall) **except Jan 15th**
1pm-New Member Orientations (Virtually or In-Person at The Hall)
2pm-Member Program Input (Facebook)

Thursdays

10am–Mountain View Group (Staff @ Mountain View ****Closed Group****)
12pm– Tolerating Distress Workshop (Zoom) **except Jan 2nd**
1pm- YA2 (Virtually or In-Person) ****see page 3 for details****
2pm-LGBTQ2S+ Resources (Facebook)
4pm–Young Adults (Virtually or In-Person) ****see page 3 for details****

Fridays ***CLOSED JANUARY 31ST***

10am-CRESST (Staff @ CRESST ***Closed Group***)
11am-Mental Health Support Group (Zoom) **except Jan 3rd**
12pm–Age 55+ Community Resources (Facebook)
1pm-Food Resources in the Community (Facebook)
2pm- Community Employment Resources (Facebook)

Young Adults Program

Group activities happen at The Hall, in the community or virtually.

This program is designed for those between the ages of 19-30. You will have the opportunity to learn and develop practical and social skills, build independence and confidence while connecting with other young adults that experience mental health barriers.

Group generally runs Thursdays, anytime between 1-6pm in-person and/or virtually. We are generally running two programs each Thursday; talk to Christine about which is a better fit for you. If you have any questions please contact Christine.

Call or text at 604-302-6001 or email at christinecruickshanks.ccs@gmail.com.



Thursday, January 2nd

YA2 & Young Adults 11am-5pm

Individual Quality of Life Questionnaire and Recovery Plan

Christine will contact those who are due to complete their annual paperwork. Each person will book a one to one appointment in person or virtually, whichever they prefer.

Thursday, January 16th

NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED TODAY

Tuesday January 7th

YA2 & EPI 1pm-3pm

Guided Painting Class @ The Hall

If you are part of the YA2 group join us at the hall at 1pm. We will watch a guided step by step video for beginners and you will create your own painting. No experience is required and all materials will be provided.

Thursday, January 23rd

Outing to Centennial Place Clubhouse in Mission 4pm-7pm

Meet at The Hall at 4pm for a ride to Mission. We will meet the Chilliwack Clubhouse and a few other community organizations from Mission as well. Enjoy pizza, snacks and games.

*****sign up is required by January 20th*****

Thursday, January 9th

YA2 2pm-3pm

Young Adults 4pm-5pm

Mental Health Discussion Group

Meet at The Hall for some snacks and a coffee/tea for a group discussion on a different Mental Health topic each month. This month we are going to discuss self care.

Thursday, January 30th

YA2 1pm-3pm

Young Adults 4pm-6pm

Clay Cottage Figurine Painting

Each group will meet separately at The Clay Cottage located at 2536 Montrose Avenue to paint a small clay figurine up to \$20. If you wish to have a bigger one you will need to cover the difference in cost.

*****sign up is required by January 16th*****

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Employment Conversations with Grace: Mondays at 11am on Facebook join a discussion with Grace, the Vocational Counsellor at the Mental Health Centre. Some of the topics may include work readiness, transportation, routines, nutrition, resume building, transferrable skills, learning about The Employment Standards Act and more. If you have any suggestions of things you would like to learn from Grace please join the discussions and let her know.

Work Place Wellness Discussions: We will be on Facebook on Wednesdays at 11am to discuss the things we do to become well so we can work, the things we do to prepare for working, the things we do to stay well while we are working and how to encourage a culture of mental health wellness in our workplaces for future employees

Community Employment Resources: Join us on Fridays at 2pm on Facebook to discover what other employment resources are available to you in our community.

One to One Employment Support by Appointment:

Want to find meaningful work? You can get support Virtually on Tuesdays from 11am to 12pm. Everyone is in a different place on their employment journey and we can support you with job search, resume building, interview skills, computer skills and much more. Connect with staff to make an appointment.

Transferable Job Skills Training: This program is going to help people learn skills that are transferable. These are skills that are useful for any job you will apply for. These skills include things like being on time, communications, following instructions, learning new things, accepting feedback and more. For the month of June we will be working on Following Instructions. If you want to practice how to read or hear instructions and know what to do next meet us at Abby House at 2676 Gladys Avenue. Be in the driveway in front of the house at 2pm Tuesdays. If you are interested in joining this program please contact Christine through text, call or email.

Therapeutic Volunteer Program (TVP):

This program is designed for individuals living with mental health challenges who want to begin a journey towards meaningful work. TVP supports members to find and obtain meaningful volunteer work. The program runs for a period of 12 months. Participants must volunteer with an organization in the community and work a minimum of 10 hours per month for which they will receive a \$100 honorarium. Email Jamie at jamiem.ccs@gmail.com if you are interested in this program and you will be added to the waitlist.



PERSONAL LIFE/SKILLS BUILDING PROGRAMS

Tolerating Stress Workshop: Get together over Zoom on Mondays and Thursdays at 12pm to discuss how to manage emotional discomfort./distress. Most people dislike feeling uncomfortable. There are many different ways that humans can feel uncomfortable...we can be hot, cold, tired, in pain, hungry, unwell, and the list could go on. The type of discomfort we will be talking about in these modules is emotional discomfort, or what is often called distress. Together we will work through the modules to understand how to manage these emotions.

Book Club Discussion: Over the next month or two we will read a book together. Each week in person at The Hall on Mondays at 1pm. We will discuss the portion we read that week. The book we are going to read is called "Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times." Pick up your copy on Monday, January 6th at 1pm at The Hall.

Naloxone Training and Overdose Conversations: Mondays at 2pm on Facebook watch a training video, read an article or browse a website for overdose resources. Have a discussion in the comments section.

South Asian Connection: Are you part of the South Asian community and looking for support with your mental health? Text with Christine on Tuesdays at 10am at 604-302-6001 to chat about what's going on for you and give your ideas on what types of fun things we could do as a group the next month. On the last Tuesday of each month we will get together or go on the outing the group previously decided on together.

Anxiety/Depression Baking Group: Come to The Hall on Tuesdays at 12pm to do some baking. While the goodies are in the oven we will have a group discussion on how to get motivated during low mood or difficult times.

Practice Self Care: Discuss what types of self care works best for you and how to practice it. Tuesdays at 2pm on Facebook.

Healthy Relationships Discussions: Wednesdays at 12pm at The Pool Hall come and discuss what you think a healthy relationship is and how we manage our own relationships to either become or stay safe for us. We will play pool while we discuss these valuable topics.

Member Program Input: Wednesdays at 2pm on Facebook you will have a chance to let us know what types of programs, outings and educational things you would like to attend in the following months.

YA2: This group is for Young Adults between the ages of 19-30. Join us on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons for a different activity each week. This group partners monthly with the EPI (Early Psychosis Intervention) group and is designed for those who are not quite ready to join a big group. There are only ever a maximum of 6 participants. **See pg3 of the calendar for full details.**

LGBTQ2S+ Resources: Thursdays at 2pm, join us on Facebook to learn about the community resources that are available to support you in person or virtually.

Young Adults: This group is also for Young Adults between the ages of 19-30 and is usually held on Thursday afternoons/evenings in-person. Join your peers for a fun, free activity each week. You will have the opportunity to learn and develop practical and social skills, build independence and confidence while connecting with other young adults that experience mental health barriers. **See pg3 of the calendar for full details.**

Mental Health Support Group: Get support from each other in group discussions on Zoom Fridays at 11am. Contact staff or check the Facebook Group for the Zoom Link.

Age 55+ Community Resources: Fridays at 12pm on Facebook we will post a free/low cost community resource for anyone over the age of 55.

Food Resources In Community: If you are in need of food, join us on Facebook on Fridays at 1pm to discover what free or very low cost resources are available in our community. If you are in need of support to access these resources please connect with staff.

SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Social Connection: Mondays & Wednesdays at 10am

Join this member facilitated group in the food court at Seven Oaks Mall.

The group sits at a couple of the tables right in front of the A&W.

Play Yahtzee, Cards or Cribbage. If you don't want to play games then check in with each other or meet someone new.

If you are new to the clubhouse and want to attend coffee group please let staff know so we can support your first visit.

CLUBHOUSE EVENTS:

****sign up is required for all events****

Mindful Painting Class: Friday, January 10th from 12pm-2pm at The Hall

A mindful painting group to create a unique piece of art and feel the therapeutic benefits of this mindfulness activity.

No experience is needed and we supply everything.

****sign up by January 8th****

Pizza, Games & Gratitude: Friday, January 17th from 12pm-2pm at The Hall

Play board, card or trivia games together and enjoy pizza for lunch.

We will celebrate all of our small and big successes from 2024 and share what we are grateful for in this new year

****sign up by January 15th****

South Asian Group Gathering: Castle Fun Park Mini Golfing: Tuesday, January 21st from 12pm-2pm

Meet in the entryway of Castle Fun Park at 12pm. Castle Fun Park is located at 36165 N Parallel Road.

We will enjoy a fun, friendly game of mini-golf.

****sign up by January 15th****

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The Abbotsford Community Library has multiple FREE events happening in January. Follow the link below for all events and their details.

<https://fvrl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?startDate=2025-01-01&endDate=2025-01-31&locations=AB>

RESOURCES

Supplies available at the Clubhouse: Naloxone kits, male/female condoms, feminine hygiene products.

Food Security: If you are in need of food, please connect with staff and we will support you to find free/low cost community resources.

One-on-One Computer Support: Please contact the staff to schedule one-on-one computer support or to borrow and take home one of our computers for things like job/housing search or personal connections/interests.

Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Information: Please connect with staff if you are interested in Naloxone training or would like information on overdose prevention. We also have Naloxone take home kits available.

Community Resources: If you would like support finding resources that are not offered at Abby House please connect with staff. We would be happy to help you find the community resource that will fit your needs.

OTHER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Groups offered at the Abbotsford Mental Health Centre: Each of these groups are referral services and there are eligibility criteria. You can be referred to these groups by your case manager at the Abbotsford Mental Health Centre or your family doctor.

Depression Group: This group is an 8 week CBT workshop happening on Mondays at 10am.

Anxiety Group: This group is a 12 week skills building and exposure therapy workshop happening on Wednesdays at 10am.

Eating Disorders Program: If you are dealing with anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa or avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder.

DBT (Dialectic Behaviour Therapy): If you have a Borderline Personality Disorder diagnosis you can join this group.

Family Support Services: This services is provided for families and natural supporters of **adults** living with mental health and/or substance use concerns. To learn more visit <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/familysupport>.

If you are interested in receiving support please email fss@fraserhealth.ca or call toll free 1-833-898-6200

Groups offered in The Community:

Mood Disorder Association of BC Support Groups:

Abbotsford Adult Support Group: This mood disorder group meets every Thursday at 7pm currently online. To join the group or for more information email: mda.abbotsford@gmail.com

Abbotsford Faith-Based Support Group: This mood disorder group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 12pm-2pm at Central Heights Church, located at 1661 McCallum Road. Drop-In is welcome.