
Becket Integrated Youth Services hub to open in Corner Brook in 2026

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Newfoundland and Labrador (November 06, 2025)— September 11, 2025, marked the official launch of Becket, Newfoundland and Labrador’s province-wide network of Integrated Youth Services (IYS) hubs — a significant step in providing low-barrier, youth-centred supports. Becket is a youth-first, province-wide network of IYS hubs, designed to make it easier for young people to access the care and support they need — all in one place. Integrated Youth Services is a national best practice model, with hubs operational or in development in every province and territory. Becket is proud to join this pan-Canadian initiative.

Building on international best practices and the successful model that Choices for Youth has long operated in St. John’s, a provincial network is emerging, focused on improving youth mental health, housing, and education and employment outcomes across the province.

The first new hub outside of St. John’s is Becket Corner Brook, which will be operated by Vine Place Community Centre with support from Choices for Youth as the backbone organization. Efforts are now underway to grow programming, enhance accessibility, and strengthen partnerships—ensuring more young people can benefit from meaningful opportunities and support.

Becket Hubs in St. John’s and Corner Brook

- **Becket Corner Brook** – Operated by Vine Place Community Centre (anticipated opening: 2026)
- **Becket St. John’s** – Operated by Choices for Youth (operational since 2004)

Each Becket hub site is designed to enhance long-term outcomes for youth by offering on-site primary care, mental health services, housing supports, access to education and employment, and community connection. By focusing on integration rather than duplication, Becket ensures that every dollar spent provides measurable social and economic benefits.

The development of Becket Integrated Youth Services in Newfoundland and Labrador is led, in partnership, by **Choices for Youth and Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) Health Services** and supported by a coalition of national and provincial funders. While the announcement of Corner Brook as the second IYS hub is an exciting milestone, Becket’s broader vision is to establish a network of nine interconnected hubs across Newfoundland and Labrador — ensuring youth in every region have access to integrated, community-based supports.

About Becket

Becket is Newfoundland and Labrador’s new network of Integrated Youth Services hubs — safe, welcoming spaces built to support youth and young families aged 12–29. Becket connects young people with the mental health, primary care, and social services they need — all under one connected network. From mental health and wellness to employment, housing, and social support, our hubs offer integrated, wraparound care in a safe, non-judgmental space.

Quotes

“Becket is the result of years of listening to youth and communities across Newfoundland and Labrador. What we heard, time and again, is that young people needed services that were easier to access and better connected. Becket is the answer to that call — a youth-first model that brings people and partners together under one roof to create meaningful, lasting change.”

- **Jen Crowe, Executive Director, Choices for Youth**

“This launch marks a new chapter for our province. Through Becket, youth will be able to access mental health and wellness supports, housing resources, education and employment programs, and a sense of community — all in one welcoming space. Becket is more than a network of hubs; it’s a promise that young people in Newfoundland and Labrador can get the supports they need, where they need them. Wherever they are, there will be a place to go — because Becket is where you go.”

- **Matthew Piercey, Senior Director of Development and Strategy, Choices for Youth**

“At Vine Place, we’ve always believed in the power of community to change lives. Operating the first Integrated Youth Services hub outside of St. John’s is an incredible opportunity to bring that belief to life in a new way — creating a safe, welcoming space where youth in Corner Brook and surrounding communities can find the support they need. We’re proud to be part of this collaborative effort to make services more accessible, connected, and youth-focused than ever before.”

- **Mike Kearley, Executive Director, Vine Place Community Centre**

“Becket is exactly the kind of collaborative, community-based approach NL Health Services is committed to. By working alongside Becket hubs, we will help young people have faster, easier access to the health services they need — whether that’s primary care, mental health supports, or public health programs. This integrated model removes barriers, streamlines intake, and puts youth first.”

- **Darla King, Vice President, Population Health Well-Being and Community Health Systems, NL Health Services**

“The Bell-Graham Boeckh Foundation Partnership is committed to building stronger, healthier communities, and that includes making sure young people have access to the supports they need to thrive. Through Becket, we see a powerful example of how community organizations, health leaders, and partners can come together to remove barriers, create safe spaces, and offer meaningful help when it’s needed most.”

- **Mary Deacon, Founder and Chair, Bell Let’s Talk; and Ian Boeckh, President, Graham Boeckh Foundation**

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