

3. Street Based Intervention

This is a Street Based Intervention Programme, which meet the needs of drug users and other socially displaced persons living on the street. This is offered through the collaborated efforts of Richmond Fellowship Jamaica and the St. Stephen's United Church. Persons who use the service living on the streets are welcome to a hot meal, clothing, basic medical care and an opportunity to socialize. It is located at:

Union Square
Kingston 5
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Services are also provided for drug users living on the streets of New Kingston through the use of a mobile clinic. Food, clothing and basic health care are provided for the clients where they are at, and sometimes acts as an ambulance to remove these clients to established health facilities.



Motto:

Patricia House Motto:

Today

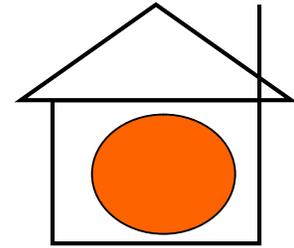
I am taking control of my life
I am loving myself and others
I am learning from my mistakes
I am enjoying my successes

Repeater's Creed:

I am a repeater, the fact that I am back here tells that I did not do well enough the first time.

I underestimated the teachings of the Patricia House Programme, thinking that my way was the right way. I was wrong. I relapsed. Now I am back to do better than the last time. I am back because my way brought me back; therefore I must now try the programme's way.

I can do this with my effort and your support.



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Primary Focus

To provide rehabilitation for individuals who have lost control of their lives through the use of drugs and to restore stability to their lives, the lives of their families, and their communities.

HISTORY

Richmond Fellowship Jamaica Limited (RFJ) was duly recognized as a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization in March 1988. It came about as part of the government's response to what appeared to have been a crack-cocaine epidemic first documented in 1986-87, which revealed a pressing need for a treatment and rehabilitation centre to cater to the needs of drug dependent persons from low and middle income families.

In May 1990 a contract was signed between the Government of Jamaica (GOJ), and the European Union (EU), for the establishment of a 24 bed, residential rehabilitation centre for persons with drug abuse problems. This effort saw the EU providing financing for capital expenditure over the two years, while the GOJ provided financing for recurrent costs over the same period and beyond. Since the end of the period of joint funding in June 1992, the GOJ through the Ministry of Health (MOH) has been the sole source of regular funds to RFJ.

The house got the name "Patricia" from the wife of the family who sold us the property. The clinical programme started April 17th 1991 and the official opening took place two days later. The late Dr. Ken McNeil-then Chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Drug Abuse did this opening.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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To provide sub-acute residential treatment to persons of low and middle income with problems related to drug abuse and who might not be able to afford the services otherwise.

Admission Criteria

1. Be eighteen (18) years and over.
2. Have a history of drug abuse/use with accompanying loss of control of use.
3. Be willing to acknowledge and admit loss of control due to the use of mood altering drug(s).
4. Not be showing any signs of mental illness nor being controlled by behaviour restraining medication.
5. Have no repeated history of violent crimes, especially violence against the person.
6. Not be in an advanced state of pregnancy.
7. Not have any court case or other appointments pending under eight (8) weeks.
8. Be of Jamaican nationality or living in Jamaica for at least five years in order to attract government subsidy. Non-nationals are asked for a different contribution.
9. Have no physical or other condition for which management takes precedence over his/her addiction.
10. Be willing to stop using all forms of mood-altering substances completely (including tobacco).

SERVICES OFFERED

RFJ has **three** main areas of service. They are:

1. Residential Treatment and Rehabilitation (Patricia House)

The programme lasts for eight (8) weeks with a one-year follow-up phase. It is based on a bio-psycho-social model and focuses on individual and group counseling in a family type setting covering such areas as:

- Understanding addiction
- Self-awareness
- Re-education
- Re-socialization
- Social skills training
- Values and attitudes

In addition to group and individual counseling, the programme also provides family support and one-year follow-up care for clients who have completed the residential phase of the programme.

2. Youth Development (Grants Pen and Barbican)

This is a Primary Prevention (drug abuse) and Personal Development Programme, which involves:

- Life Skills education at New Day Primary and Junior High School and a Youth Club attached to the Stella Maris Foundation.