

Help has arrived for 'family problem'

People in the Midland area who want help with an addiction to alcohol or a drug can finally get help around here.

Simcoe Outreach Services opened a Midland office Sept. 20. It is a two and

a half year old, county-wide, assessment and referral service funded by the Ministry of Health.

The age of its clients across the county has ranged from six to 77. The six-year-old was the child of

alcoholic parents.

Outreach Services becomes involved with children under age 16 only with permission of the parents.

"Drug abuse is a family problem," Outreach Services executive director Greg Howse said.

A counsellor will be in the 306 Midland Avenue office on Tuesdays. It eventually will open four days a week. Outreach has offices in Barrie, Orillia, and Collingwood.

The Midland office was opened when money to pay for employees' travel to Midland became available.

The expansion of this service will include treatment in the community for young people. That service could start in November.

The only option now for local young people is to go to Toronto for help.

Addiction to food might some day be added to the list of addictions covered by Outreach Services.

Clients are referred to Outreach Services by judges and doctors as well as by families. Following a three-hour assessment by an Outreach counsellor, the client is referred to an appropriate program.

Alcoholics, for example, will be referred to the problem drinkers program run by the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre.

When fully-staffed, the Midland office will have a counsellor who makes assessments and a counsellor who treats clients. A family therapist will make regular visits.

More building permits issued

Although the total number of building permits issued in August was up over the same period in 1987, the value was considerably less, a Town of Midland report shows.

A building activity report submitted to town council showed that in August, 35 permits were issued totalling \$886,000. During August 1987, 30 permits were issued valued at \$1,945,000.

Nine single family dwellings, valued at \$550,000 was down from the 12 units worth \$619,000 a year earlier. Although commercial alterations and additions increased to three from the August 1987 figure of two, the \$116,000 value was considerably less than the \$560,000 mark a year earlier.

The only area to see improvement over the previous year was dwellings alterations and additions. Twelve were issued valuing \$133,000 in August, 1988, topping the seven permits issued,

valued at \$72,000 the previous term.

To date, 281 permits have been issued totalling \$12,654,900. During the same period for 1987, 277 permits were issued totalling \$14,469,000.

Garnet Joynt, chief building official, would not comment on the trends when contacted, explaining that although he submitted the report, he had not analyzed it.

Correction

McNee moved in July 1987 not July 1988

Don McNee is a candidate for Midland town council, as reported in the Sept. 14 issue. He moved to Midland in July of 1987, not July of this year.

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AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at such time and place, the Council will hear representations by any person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who has applied to be heard.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the said Reference Survey Plan registered as 51R-17656 are available for inspection in the Township Offices.

DATED this 30th day of August, A.D. 1988.

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