

## The Circle Model

The central focus of CoSA involves forming circles of support and accountability around each core member (released offender). The circles include two or more trained volunteers, supported by a CoSA staff person - with a shared commitment of 'no more victims' and 'no one is disposable.'

The circle provides an inclusive and safe space for the core members to account for the impacts of their choices and actions, deepen their understanding of the needs and perspectives of others, and support their efforts to live a successful and crime-free life. The circle works to nurture a safe and trusted space for open and respectful sharing.



### About The St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton (SLSH):

SLSH operates as a therapeutic community-based program, offering support to individuals transitioning from federal incarceration. Programs include: The Robert Street Community Residential Facility; The Clinton House Community Residential Facility; and The Reporting Centre.

<https://slsh.ca/>

**If you are interested in  
volunteering, or would like more  
information, please contact:**

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**CoSA Hamilton is a Program  
of The St. Leonard's Society  
of Hamilton**



**SLSH aims to foster the personal growth  
and social integration of individuals with  
histories in criminal justice or those at risk  
of offending.**





Living With  
Purpose  
Mentoring  
Group

## CoSA Hamilton is now offering the Living With Purpose Mentoring Group

This is a monthly discussion group, where core members and volunteers meet. Members share and respond to challenges and barriers that many released offenders face in the process of reintegrating into the community.

Facilitated conversations draw from the lived experiences of participants (core members and volunteers) to share & explore solutions, ideas, and resources to navigate the challenges of everyday life.

## KEY PARTNERS

**CoSA Canada:**

<https://cosacanada.com>


In 2015, CoSA Canada was incorporated as the national office for CoSA sites across the country that works to build safer communities by reducing recidivism.



Dismas Fellowship is a faith-based adult only meeting place for former prisoners, staff, and invited guests.

The monthly gathering includes a meal followed by some spirited singing, a spiritual reflection, and an opportunity for participants to respond to a reflection question or to pass.

<https://dismasfellowshipnetwork.com/>

 **1-877-554-1076**

Both CoSA Canada & Dismas Fellowship Hamilton are key partners of St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton.

## Our mission

The mandate of CoSA is to substantially reduce the risk of future sexual offences by assisting and supporting released individuals in their task of integrating into the community and leading a responsible, meaningful, and accountable life. Research confirms that participation in CoSA reduces the sexual re-offense rate by >80% compared with control subjects who do not participate in CoSA.

## About us

CoSA Hamilton is a community-based reintegration initiative housed under The St. Leonard's Society of Hamilton. CoSA works to build relationships and networks of support and accountability for individuals who have been charged and convicted for sexual offenses.

**CoSA** Hamilton  
Circles of Support and Accountability