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The Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa is a United Way member agency devoted to helping women and female youth who are, or may be, at risk of coming into conflict with the law. We offer a variety of different programs and services to provide women with confidential and supportive living and learning environments.

Women of all ages are referred to Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa by the officials working in the criminal justice system, by lawyers, medical professionals, social workers, social assistance workers, and by staff of community-based organizations and agencies. Women also seek out our services through word-of-mouth referrals and self-referrals.

We are active supporters of the many university and college programs which graduate students with social services or criminology degrees and certificates. To this end, we accept as many placement students every year as we possibly can.

However, we also receive dozens of requests every semester from students wishing to write papers or create presentations on a wide variety of issues around the criminalization of women and girls. Responding to these requests individually takes a great deal of time, even when the answer, inevitably, has to be the same.

We are sure you appreciate that we are a direct-service charitable agency with limited resources. Regretfully, therefore, we have to decline all requests from students for interviews or information. We do post links to reports and newspaper articles on our website and a full description of our services and our programs is available on our website. This is the most we can offer.

We trust students in the community will appreciate the limitations to our time and the vast need for the services we offer in the community which prevent us from assisting further.

Thank you for your understanding,

Bryonie Baxter
Executive Director

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