

**A PLACE OF EDUCATION,
HOPE AND LEARNING**



**Cathedral High School's
Alternative Education Program**

Wilma's Place

What Is Wilma's Place?

- An alternative co-education program designed to re-engage students who are at risk and have been subjected to immense external and/ or internal barriers but display a tremendous reserve of personal growth.
- A place where young people can develop a sense of belonging and self-worth while completing their high school credits.
- A place where teen parents can continue their education.
- A place where at risk students can get help accessing the community resources needed to address personal issues and their immediate survival needs.
- An independent learning program where students are given individual attention.

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Main Objectives

- To encourage a greater number of students to stay in school.
- To provide an alternative framework in which at-risk students can succeed academically and socially.
- To provide programs on-site and in the community which give the at risk students the skills needed to function as contributing members of the work force and the community at large.
- To create an environment in which at-risk students are able to identify and communicate remediation for problems which prevent them from achieving their education goals.

Reasons for students being at-risk

- Physical/Emotional abuse
- Poverty
- Single parent families
- Teen parents
- Discouraged learner
- Mental health issues
- Nutrition deficits
- Substance abuse
- Independent Living

Partners in the Community

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Community Support Workers Program
- Pathways
- Adolescent Community Care Program
- Ontario Works-Social Service Worker
- Alternatives For Youth
- Public Health Nurse
- Catholic Family Services
- Hamilton Police
- Martha House
- Art forms Youth Art Studio
- Notre Dame
- Food for Kids

Who can refer students

- School Personnel
- Self
- Community Agencies
- Student to Student

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