

## Envision operating out of temporary Estevan location

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The Envision Counselling and Support Centre has been operating out of their temporary location in Estevan.

Envision was forced from its permanent home last month due to a faulty sprinkler system that flooded their offices. It also flooded a church building to the west of Envision's office.

The agency was able to secure a temporary location next door, to the east of their permanent home. But Envision's Estevan operations were closed for a few days in late May and early June while the move occurred.

The organization reopened in Estevan on June 4.

"We are open and operating, and so far so good," said Christa Daku, the executive director for Envision. "We are hoping to move back to our old space, once it is renovated and repaired."

Daku doesn't know how long the agency will be in its temporary home, but she expects it will be for the summer months.

The damage to their permanent home was significant, in terms of both the contents and the building. Envision is insured for the contents and the landlord is insured for the building.

But Envision lost a lot of its office equipment and computers, and other items that can be damaged by water.

Envision has been asking for donations since the sprinkler issue occurred.

Daku said the staff members have handled the situation well.

"We did what we needed to get done in the short (amount of) time. I have to say that with all of our strengths, within a week, we were able to move next door and be open for operation again."

She is sharing an office space with another employee, and many are sharing office spaces as well. But Envision is still offering its full fleet of services and programs that it has had in Estevan in the past.

Clients have adapted well, since Envision's temporary home is a lot smaller.

"But the important thing is they are connected to their support services," said Daku.