Prevention Grant Program funding recipients

Supporting projects and initiatives focused on primary prevention approaches that address root causes of family violence before it occurs.

Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies

The Building Gaps, Building Bridges Project is a one-year research, policy and capacity building initiative to assess family violence in newcomer communities. The project will gather data from 30 member agencies to examine how family violence manifests within newcomer communities and systemic gaps. The findings will inform the development of policy toolkits to help newcomer-serving agencies address family violence.

Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services

The First Responder to Sexual Assault and Abuse Training Curriculum Refresh is helping to improve organizational bystander training. The initiative will redesign and pilot the training and help build capacity among facilitators. The goal is to increase participants' understanding of the impact of sexual violence through an intersectional lens that centres around the lived experience of survivors of sexual violence.

Camrose and District Family and Community Support

The Real Strength, Real Change Project engages men and boys in rural Alberta through education, individualized support and innovative programming to foster healthy relationships, challenge harmful gender norms and promote emotional regulation. It focuses on removing barriers to accessing family violence prevention programs by providing services directly to men and boys, including youth programming to build resilience and teach positive relationship skills.

Canadian Zalmi Society

The Cricket for Change: Tackling Family Violence Through Sports Project leverages cricket to engage men and boys to prevent family violence. The project engages an experienced facilitator to lead workshops on healthy masculinity, gender equity and bystander intervention to educate and empower participants to challenge harmful gender norms and adopt positive behaviours.

Catholic Social Services

The Newcomer Family Wellness Initiative seeks to provide safe, supportive and inclusive spaces where newcomer immigrants and refugees can promote healthy relationships, enhance awareness and skills and receive valuable resources to address the unique challenges faced by these communities.

Centre for Mental Health Equity

The Change from Inside Out Project provides family violence and bystander training for adults and youth (14-18 years) from ethnocultural communities to recognize and respond to family violence, shift worldviews regarding gender norms, power relations, hypermasculinity and misogyny and promote a culture of healthy relationships, consent, equity, respect and dignity for all.

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Centre for Sexuality Society

The Growing Together: Building Strong Foundations Project consists of two-gender specific programs: WiseGuyz and EmpowHer designed to equip boys and girls with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to build respectful relationships, challenge stereotypes and take responsibility for fostering safe, inclusive communities.

Coalition Des Femmes De L'Alberta

The Champions of Violence Prevention and Healthy Relationships Project trains and engages young champions to provide support services, lead awareness workshops on family violence and the importance of maintaining healthy relationships, while prioritizing equipping youth with the required skills to build respectful connections. resolve conflicts positively and recognize signs of violence.

Free Play for Kids

Working in collaboration with Catholic Social Services, the Welcome to Play Program supports up to 480 participants ages 5 to 18 of newly arrived refugee children and youth to build social connections and emotional well-being through sports and educational programming.

Hands Lifting Hearts Initiatives Society

The Hands Lifting Hearts Initiatives Society prioritizes the wellbeing of families by engaging fathers, mothers and the entire family unit through education, mentorship and economic empowerment initiatives to promote healthy, resilient families. The culturally tailored initiatives in this project target African, Black and Caribbean families to help ensure equitable access to prevention services and address the root causes of family violence.

Hope Haven Society

The New Perspectives Project addresses the multifaceted impacts of family violence, grief and loss and provides tools to help participants build and maintain healthy relationship through the delivery of group session and community outreach activities. It is designed to educate participants on the dynamics of abusive relationships, support the emotional well-being of parents and children, promote healthy communication and conflict resolution and foster a culture of healthy parenting.

Lloydminster Sexual Assault Services

The Indigenous-led Body Science Project takes a holistic approach that embeds Indigenous knowledge, culture and practices to foster cultural pride and connection, respect, boundaries and promote teachings about safety in a culturally meaningful way.

Northern Haven Support Society

The Financial Abuse Awareness and Education Program supplements outreach programming offered by the shelter to assist clients with financial abuse, money management, debt repayment and tech safety.

Southeastern Alberta Sexual Assault Response Committee

The EvolveMENt Boys Leadership Program utilizes educators and male mentors who have been trained and equipped with strength-based skills and knowledge to guide and inspire young men to be leaders in violence prevention. It is designed specifically for a rural/small urban context where harmful masculinities, gender norms, behaviours and attitudes are prevalent.

Strathcona County

The Online Targeted Prevention Initiatives Project leverages technology and digital marketing strategies to promote awareness and understanding of family violence in communities within Strathcona County. The project aims to use targeted messaging to increase awareness in communities about the signs, risks and impacts of

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family violence, provide support to those seeking information and support services, including those at risk and those at risk of harming others.

Town of Sylvan Lake

The Sylvan Lake and Area Family Violence Prevention and Capacity Building Project will hire a Family Violence Prevention Coordinator to lead, coordinate and provide relevant information and resources targeting Indigenous groups, newcomers, refugees, 2SLGBTQIA+, rural communities, youth and people with disabilities in Sylvan Lake and communities.

University of Calgary

The University of Calgary received funding for two projects. The Advancing Primary Prevention Project focuses on equipping organizational leaders with tools to embed primary prevention into their agencies, policy, legislation, programs and practices through collaboration and partnerships. The project will work with Government of Alberta and community-based leaders and organizations to socialize recommendations from the Alberta Primary Prevention Framework.

The other program funded, called Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships: Preventing Male Perpetration of Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence in Alberta, will build a foundation to conduct population-level research.

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