
Indigenous-led approaches to Family Violence Prevention

Program funding recipients

Supporting Indigenous-led projects, programs and services that prioritize Indigenous Peoples and communities with a focus on women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, to prevent root causes of family violence before it occurs.

Ben Calf Robe Society

The Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Services Initiative serves the greater Edmonton area and is designed to make resources on family violence available to First Nations and Metis settlements across Alberta. It focuses on the development and implementation of a module that will offer training and equip individuals with tools to successfully reach targeted populations impacted by family violence.

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society

The Sohkisiwin Family Violence Prevention Program serves the greater Edmonton area and aims to provide immediate safety, support and long-term stability for Indigenous women and families fleeing family violence. It combines emergency response, trauma recovery, economic empowerment, advocacy and community education to break the cycle of abuse and foster independence.

Edson Friendship Centre

The Nâkatohtîân "Take Care of Each Other" Initiative serves the communities of Edson, Marlboro and Yellowhead by helping raise awareness about family violence as well as provide tools and resources to Indigenous families and communities to address violence. The initiative emphasizes the importance of proper family function and helps equip participants with tools and resources to resolve conflicts and engage in healthy relationships.

Hinton Friendship Centre Society

The Healing Together: Strengthening Families and Communities Initiative serves the communities of Marlboro, Edson, Grande Cache, Jasper, Hinton and Yellowhead County. It aims to address family violence prevention and increase support in rural and remote Indigenous communities by expanding access to culturally relevant services, increasing community engagement and developing innovative prevention-based programs.

Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women

The Addressing Gaps in Violence Prevention Services for Indigenous Women in Alberta Initiative serves Fort Vermilion. It is intended to complement existing programs and supports offered to Indigenous women and their families by identifying barriers to accessing support, soliciting input from partners and developing action plans to improve supports.

Kikino Metis Settlement

The Kikino Wellness and Connection Program: Men's Group and Inclusive Youth Group Initiative is a trauma-informed project targeted to men that emphasizes healthy relationship guidance, communication skills and emotional regulation strategies. It incorporates land-based healing practices, mentorship and physical activities to foster a strong community of positive male role models.

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Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre

The Mannawanis Sacred Path for Men Group Initiative serves the Kikino, Buffalo Lake, Fishing Lake and Elizabeth Metis settlements and Frog Lake First Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation, Beaver Lake Cree Nation and Paul First Nation. It is designed to promote behaviour change, accountability and healthy relationships by assisting participants in recognizing harmful patterns, developing non-violence coping strategies and building empathy and respect.

Metis Calgary Family Services Society

Serving the Calgary area, Spirit Rising is an inclusive program designed to provide support, resources and healing opportunities for Indigenous families, women, girls and gender-diverse individuals and their families who have experienced violence within their homes and community.

Metis Child & Family Services Society

The Safety for our Families Project serves the greater Edmonton area. It aims to address root causes and increase family violence awareness among youth with a focus on the challenges faced by Indigenous families. Program services are focused on supporting youth between the ages of 12 and 22 who are attending school and already identified as struggling.

Miywasin Friendship Centre

The Empowering Youth Through Identity, Belonging and Culture Initiative serves Medicine Hat, Dunmore and Redcliff. It aims to work in partnership with other stakeholders to offer outreach for youth and families impacted by intergenerational trauma and/or family violence. It is also intended to address service gaps and improve access to prevention supports and services for Indigenous youth and families through facilitated group sessions, safety planning and access to community resources for those directly impacted by intergenerational trauma and family violence.

Niitoyis Family Support Society

The Niitoyis Family Support Society received funding for two initiatives. The Unity Healing Together Initiative serves the Calgary area and is designed to support families of Indigenous victims who have lost their lives through targeted violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. The project aims to support healing and build community connections through storytelling, cultural teachings, land-based teachings, healing medicines and equine therapy.

The 'Men and Boys Teachings' Initiative also serves the Calgary area and aims to promote Indigenous cultural awareness and traditional knowledge among Indigenous men and boys who were not raised within their cultures. It applies an Indigenous awareness model that engages Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers to provide stories, activities and supports to allow men and boys to experience personal and cultural growth and connection.

Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth

The Sky Sisters Project serves Calgary and the Siksika, Kainai (Blood Tribe), Piikani, Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda Nations. It aims to increase awareness of systemic barriers facing Indigenous women, girls, transgender women and Two-Spirit non-binary youth that contribute to violence empowering participants with practical skills in storytelling.

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