

Funded projects to engage men and boys

Primary prevention approaches to end family violence

One of the key strategies in Alberta's family violence prevention framework is to promote gender equality, respect and healthy relationships by involving men and boys in prevention efforts.

Since the fall of 2015, Community and Social Services has provided a total of over \$3 million of funding through the Family and Community Safety Program to agencies across the province for their engaging men and boys initiatives.

Below is the list of projects that have received government support:

Catholic Family Service of Calgary *Fathers Moving Forward Program*

This first of its kind program is designed to help young, new fathers, aged 16 – 24, to build their skills and knowledge in their new role and on improving co-parenting relationships between young parents.

This primary prevention program addresses family violence and focuses on building healthy relationships. This much needed program fills a gap – a program to support teen fathers to finish high school and prepare them for what follows in their lives. It is anticipated that this program model will be replicated throughout Alberta and in other parts of Canada.

Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse Society

ManEnough?

A portion of the grant is being used for the ManEnough? program that is designed to help men to develop the tools and skills to effectively change attitudes and behaviours that perpetuate violence against women and to be active allies in the work to end gender-based violence. The grant is also being used for outreach to diverse and marginalized communities on sexual violence prevention.

Calgary Sexual Health Centre

WiseGuyz

This project will expand its school-based program to more schools in the Calgary area. The program's curriculum focuses on gender roles, sexual health and healthy relationships. The project will also expand into non-traditional school and community settings.

University of Calgary, Shift: The Project to End Domestic Violence

Engaging Men and Boys in Domestic Violence Prevention

This research looks at promising practices that will inform a provincial strategy to effectively support men and boys through engagement in violence prevention, positive fatherhood and promoting healthy relationships.

Family Centre of Southern Alberta

Supporting Father Involvement in First Nations Communities

First Nations communities will hire and train a complete team to deliver the program to First Nations' participants with partnering community agencies. The program focuses on healthy relationships; a primary prevention strategy before family violence may occur.

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers

Engaging Immigrant and Refugee Newcomer Men and Boys in Violence Prevention

Violence prevention programming will provide supports to fathers and sons during their settlement journey. A strong focus will be on developing healthy relationships and navigating new cultural environments in a healthy way.

REACH Edmonton Council

Family Violence Prevention in a Cultural Context

The program addresses family violence in a cultural context by raising awareness of available supports and how to navigate the system of social supports and to improve service delivery by collaborating with community partners. Emphasis is placed on working with men and boys.

Strathcona County Family and Community Services

Engaging Men and Boys in violence prevention

Through the use of SHIFT's Healthy Youth Relationship Framework, the project will focus on primary prevention with boys by promoting healthy relationship awareness and skill building within a school setting.

Alliance Jeunesse de l'Alberta Society

Building Protective Mechanisms within African Francophone Families

The program provides education and awareness supports to the community, as well as engaging men and boys, on family violence and will build capacity within the community to promote healthy relationships.

University of Alberta Students' Union Association

The Landing: A Student Space for Gender and Sexual Diversity/Gender Based Violence Prevention Program

Funding is used for two initiatives, the first is to provide services and supports on campus for those who are marginalized on the basis of their gender or sexual identity. The second is the Gender Based Violence Prevention Program. This training program focuses on engaging men and boys as allies on the issues of sexual violence and dating violence through increasing awareness, education, communication, inclusion and safety. The program is provided to U of A sports groups including the Golden Bears football team..