

Family Violence: Organizations & Resources



If a child or young person is in immediate danger, call 911.

Visit www.familyviolence.gov.ab.ca or call the 24 hour Family Violence Info Line toll free at 780-310-1818.

AADAC 24 Hour Crisis Helpline: 1-866-332-2322

Child Abuse

Kids Help Line: 1-800-551-8000

Child Abuse hotline: 1-800-387-KIDS (5437)

Kids Kottage Foundation Crisis Nursery and Crisis Line: 780-944-2888

Violence against domestic partners

Services for women

A Safe Place 24 Hour Crisis/Support Line: 780-464-7233

Edmonton Women's Shelter 24 Hour Crisis/Information Line: 780-479-0058

Kids Kottage Foundation Crisis Nursery and Crisis Line: 780-944-2888

Local women's shelters can provide information to help women abused by their male partners. Even if you don't plan to stay in a shelter, you can call for information about abuse in families. Visit www.familyviolence.gov.ab.ca or call the 24-hour Family Violence Info Line at 780-310-1818 to find a shelter near you.

The following 3 Edmonton shelters provide safe, short-term accommodation and support services to abused women and their children on a 24 hour basis:

- Edmonton Women's Shelter (WIN House): 780-471-6709
- Lurana: 780-424-5875
- A Safe Place: 780-464-7232

Services for men

The Men's Alternative Temporary Housing and Supports Program (MATHS) (780-421-7355) is a shelter for men who are offenders in family violence situations. Admissions must be voluntary; support and follow up are requirements.

The Wheatland Shelter in Strathmore, Alberta offers shelter for male victims of domestic violence as well as female victims. Their 24-Hour Crisis Line is 780-934-6634 or 1-877-934-6634 (toll-free). Their website is available at wheatland.albertashelters.com

Violence against older persons

Seniors Abuse Help Line (23 hours): 780-454-8888

Edmonton Seniors Safe Housing: 780-702-1520

Temporary safe housing for those 60 years or older needing to leave an abusive situation

Books

Standing Together: Women Speak Out about Violence and Abuse, edited by Linda Goyette. Brindle and Glass Publishing, 2005.

A collection of personal stories and poems written by Alberta women who have experienced violence and abuse, from age 16 to age 84. Available from the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters; call 780-456-7000 or visit www.acws.ca to order.

The Secret of the Silver Horse, Department of Justice Canada.

Instructs children that secrets about sexual abuse should not be kept. The story also teaches that if a child tells a teenager or an adult about sexual abuse and that person does nothing, the child should be persistent and tell someone else.

Additional resources for educators

Your school district has an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that can help you understand your district's policies and resources with regard to recognizing and reporting family violence. Your EAP representative can be reached by phoning the main switchboard of your school board.

Information and Rights is a handbook for abuse victims produced by Alberta Solicitor General and Ministry of Public Security. The handbook identifies family violence as a crime. It explains the cycle of abuse, legal remedies to increase safety, the effect of violence on victims, and information on the *Protection Against Family Violence Act*.

Ten Things to Do Instead of Hitting is a video to guide children in building strategies for handling anger in nondestructive ways. For more information, visit the Alberta Teachers' Association Library website www.ecec.ab.ca/ececweb/atalibraryvideos.html or call 780-447-9400.

Visit www.child.gov.ab.ca/PFVB to access information on parenting skills, preventing family violence, dealing with bullying, the impacts of family violence at different ages, and a variety of other resources:

- activities for kindergarten to senior high students
- safe Internet use
- abuse in sporting environments
- how an abusive partner can affect parenting
- understanding adolescent relationship violence
- school approaches to anti-violence

Organizations

Edmonton John Howard Society Family Violence Prevention Centre

#401, 10010 – 105 Street

Edmonton, AB

T5J 1C4

Phone: 780-423-1635

Fax: 780-425-1699

www.johnhoward.org

The Family Violence Prevention Centre (FVPC) was established in 1997 to address service gaps for people affected by family violence and to meet the needs of diverse groups in the community. The Centre partners and collaborates with other service providers in Edmonton. The Victims' Assistance Program, created in 1993 to address gaps in court support and preparation services in Edmonton, became a program of FVPC in 2006.

Zebra Child Protection Centre

12th flr, 10909 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB
T5J 3L3
Phone: 780-421-2016
Fax: 780-421-2234
www.zebracentre.ca

The Zebra Child Protection Centre works to ensure the safety of children, their non-offending caregivers and communities. The Centre supports them through the investigation, criminal justice, and healing process, and helps them learn about preventative measures. The Centre serves children and youth up to age fourteen and their non-offending caregivers, in Edmonton and surrounding areas.

Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative

10867-97 Street
Edmonton, AB
T5H 2M6
Phone: 780-423-1973
Fax: 780-428-2748
Email: mchb@mchb.org
www.mchb.org

Encourages community development and health promotion. Provides consultation support to other service providers regarding cross-cultural issues. Serves as health brokers between health institutions and immigrant families; provides one-to-one support to individuals and families. Services also include health education, parenting support, prenatal education and post-natal support, sexuality education and translation.

Alberta Works

West Edmonton: 780-415-6500
City Centre: 780-415-4900
North Edmonton: 780-422-9440
South Edmonton: 780-644-2880
After Hours: 780-644-5135

Those leaving abusive situations can get financial help.

Circle of Safety Family Violence Program

Aboriginal Consulting Services Association of Alberta
#204, 10010-105 Street
Edmonton, AB
T5J 1C4
Phone: 780-448-0378
Fax: 780-448-0379
Email: acsa@telus.net

The Circle of Safety Program provides services to Aboriginal men, women and children who have experienced family violence.

Edmonton Protection Order Program (EPOP)

A free service of the Edmonton Family Law Office
Phone: 780-422-9222
www.familylawoffice.legalaid.ab.ca

The Family Law Office is a professional team of lawyers and support workers who provide free legal information, services and support for people who are seeking help because of family violence. If you or your family members are victims of family violence, they can help you obtain protection.

YWCA Edmonton Counselling Centre

#100, 10350-124 Street
Edmonton, AB
T5N 3V9

Phone: 870-423-9922

Fax: 780-425-7567

Email: information@ywcaofedmonton.org

www.ywcaofedmonton.org

The YWCA Edmonton is a charitable, humanitarian association which supports women and their families as they strive to fulfill their potential in body, mind and spirit. The Counselling Centre provides crisis intervention and referral services as well as counseling and group sessions for individuals, couples and families.

City of Edmonton Community Services – Men’s Support Services

Phone: 780-496-4777

Email: mensgroups@edmonton.ca

www.edmonton.ca/mensgroups

Community Services promotes and supports opportunities for men to engage in personal change through Men’s Support Services. They offer individual help and referrals as well as group programs for men to engage in personal change.

SAGE (Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton) Seniors’ Safe Housing

15 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Edmonton, AB

T5J 2E3

Phone: 780-702-1520

Provides temporary free accommodation for men and women, 60 years or older, who are in need of a place to stay due to abuse or neglect.

Elder Abuse Intervention Team

8212-118 Avenue

Edmonton, AB

T5B 0S3

Phone: 780-477-2929

Fax: 780-496-8674

A collaborative effort between the City of Edmonton, Community Services, the Edmonton Police Service and Catholic Social Services to prevent and respond to elder abuse.