



Family Violence Prevention Month/ Bullying Awareness Week

Métis Settlements Child and Family Services Authority

Western Métis Settlements including: Gift Lake, Peavine, East Prairie and Paddle Prairie

The following cross ministry/agencies offering family violence services in the area include:

- High Prairie Victim's Services: presentations about family violence to schools, also partnership with Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council Victim Services and Sucker Creek Women's Shelter.
- Family Violence Conference (three day) – Region 8. Target group Grade 7 and up including adults.
- Family Violence – High Prairie Network (Region 8).
- Presentation/workshops include anger management (six weeks) and also have offered and ICE presentation to the community (Internet luring). They also provide information/educational programs, referrals, emotional support and safety planning.
- Sucker Creek Women's Shelter offers a 24 bed facility and 21 day maximum stay. They offer also crisis counseling, referrals to appropriate agencies, educational program, transportation for clients, an outreach program, Next Step Housing and 24 hour crisis line.
- Central Métis Mental Health. Bullying, intervention strategies for children, supporting gr. K-12 with emotional/mental issues. These individuals are call Success Coaches and work within the Northland School Division including Gift Lake, Peavine and Grouard.
- The Métis Settlements under their contract services offer information/sessions again incorporating family violence with prenatal, early childhood development and Parent Link programs. Some of these are: Taming the Dragon, Active Parenting and Resource Libraries

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Eastern Métis Settlements include: Elizabeth, Fishing Lake, Kikino and Buffalo Lake.

The following cross-ministry/agencies offering family violence services in the area include:

- Hope Haven – a non for profit society helping women and their children in crisis (shelter type services coupled with counseling and awareness).
- Family violence community walks in Lac La Biche in October to help create awareness to the community.
- Parent Effectiveness Training provided/sponsored by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology.
- Cold Lake Military Base also has services for families experiencing domestic concerns.
- The surrounding Native Friendship Centres are offering presentations on family violence within the school district. They also offer “a safe place to be” at their agency.
- St. Paul Native Friendship Centre is trying to secure funding to sponsor a youth led video contest on bullying/substance abuse.
- Strategic Initiatives Coordinator continues to provide information through distribution of family violence material throughout the Eastern Settlements.
- The coordinator also attends East zone meetings and provides presentations on Family Violence/Bullying as requested by the Métis Settlement membership.
- SIS works closely with the Métis Settlement Parent Link and early childhood development to partner and offer information on family violence and bullying.

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