



A message from Alberta Children and Youth Services

Events across the province focus on preventing family violence

November 2008

Event	Location	Date
<p>Hands are not for Hitting, Words are Not for Hurting These presentations will take place at the local Parent Link Centres to help parents educate their young children.</p>	Kikino Métis Settlement	Throughout November (7,14,21,28)
<p>“Effects of Family Violence on Employers” presentations These presentations will talk about how employers can support their employees who may be affected by family violence.</p>	Red Deer	Throughout November
<p>Youth Leadership Open House This open house will encourage youth to become leaders in their community and consider forming a youth group.</p>	Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement	November 3
<p>Family Fun Night Activities will include playing the “Angry Monster” board game, puppet/mask making and self esteem activities with the focus on families working together, exploring emotions through creative activities. Parents will learn tools to help children deal with anger.</p>	Elizabeth Métis Settlement	November 4
<p>Breakfast with the Guys Community members and service providers are invited to take a stand against family violence and join Adam Frisch, who will talk about “Karen’s story... A Call to Leadership.” Adam and his sister Darlene have committed themselves to honouring the memory of their sister Karen, who was tragically murdered by her estranged husband, by speaking out on the issues of family violence.</p>	Medicine Hat	November 5
<p>Walk for Respect Almost 700 students from junior high schools will walk from their schools with a banner – Walk for Respect, Take a Stand Against Bullying. Students will also be given a presentation on the effects of bullying and some real life cases.</p>	Whitecourt	November 5
<p>Annual Candlelight Vigil Event will include school performances and presentations to youth who wrote essays and poems on bullying or family violence. It will also include a walk downtown from the Friendship Park to the Senior’s Circle, encouraging people to take a stand against family violence.</p>	Whitecourt	November 5 Evening
<p>Family Violence and Bullying Workshop This workshop will include a presentation from Rev. Dale Lang and a presentation on cyberbullying.</p>	Lacombe	November 6
<p>Family Violence & Bullying Prevention Walk Community members will come together to increase awareness of family violence and take a stand against it.</p>	Fishing Lake Métis Settlement	November 12

<p>Understanding Our Boys This free presentation will give practical advice about how to help boys do their best in school and life. The best selling author of Real Boys, Dr. William Pollack, will discuss how parents, teachers, coaches and others involved in young boys lives can help them to succeed in life.</p>	Calgary	November 13
<p>Opening of a new safe visitation pilot site Government has provided nearly \$900,000 to six safe visitation pilot sites to deliver safe visitation services for families at risk of continued violence between parents. The first five sites opened in 2007 and are located in Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge and Red Deer. Because of the importance of children maintaining positive contact with both parents after they separate, safe visitation provides children with an opportunity to have supervised visits with their non-custodial parent in a secure environment. Fort McMurray becomes the sixth site in the province to provide safe visitation services.</p>	Fort McMurray	November 14
<p><i>The Art of Peace Challenge Showcase</i> <i>The Art of Peace Challenge</i> invited youth between the ages of 14 and 20 to create and submit artistic works that motivate Albertans to reach out to those impacted by family violence or bullying. <i>The Art of Peace</i> gave youth an opportunity to work with mentors in the community to use art to take action on family violence and bullying and create change within their communities. This event will honour youth receiving awards and showcase the work of youth from across the province.</p>	Edmonton	November 15
<p>Leading the Way II This conference will focus on social emotional learning and linking it to work in the field of bullying and violence prevention.</p>	Calgary	November 17
<p>Vision for Non-Violence Committee There will be community presentations on various forms of abuse and what resources are available for professionals and the general public to support those living with family violence</p>	Didsbury/ Carstairs	November 17
<p>3rd Annual Red Rose Campaign Several agencies work to create awareness of family violence by displaying a single red rose in churches, banks, businesses, grocery stores, gas stations and many other public places. The rose is intended to be a silent yet powerful memorial to those who have lost their lives so tragically to family violence.</p>	Drumheller Hanna Three Hills Rocky Mountain House	Roses are distributed on November 21
<p>Free Movie Night <i>What's Love Got to Do with It: The Tina Turner Story</i> will be shown at the local library and then will end with a group discussion on family violence.</p>	Medicine Hat	November 26
<p>Fourth Annual Front Line Service Awards The fourth annual awards ceremony for Red Deer city and county recognizes people working in the areas of domestic violence or bullying who have made a significant contribution to individuals and families.</p>	Red Deer	November 26

<p>Toy Exchange Children are invited to bring in an old toy that they consider violence themed and trade it for a new non-violent toy. Parents are also provided with information about how violence is learned and how parents can choose non-violence themed play and activities for their children. This will be the second year of the toy exchange program and this year, it is being expanded to other communities in the region including Janvier and Conklin.</p>	<p>Fort McMurray Janvier Conklin</p>	<p>November 26</p>
<p>Free Non-Violent Movie For the second year in a row a non-violent family movie will be shown at the local theatre free to the public.</p>	<p>Fort McMurray</p>	<p>November 28</p>
<p>Family Violence & Bullying Prevention Walk Community members will come together to increase awareness of family violence and take a stand against it.</p>	<p>East Prairie Métis Settlement</p>	<p>November 29</p>
<p>“Peaceful Warrior” Video Festival Youth entered contest to make adults/parents aware of how children and youth see family violence and bullying. This community event will honour the youth receiving prizes.</p>	<p>Fishing Lake Métis Settlement</p>	<p>November 29</p>

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