

Family and Community Services received notification on January 8, 2016 that our application for a Community and Family Safety Grant was successful. This is a three year program from Alberta Human Services with the project receiving \$163,661 in 2016, with the possibility of continuation in 2017 and 2018. These dollars are unbudgeted. This project is designed to focus on “engaging men and boys” in the prevention and intervention of family violence thereby contributing to the building of a comprehensive community-based continuum of services. It builds upon the work done by SHIFT: The Project to End Family Violence in Alberta, and links with Strathcona County Men as Allies. Based on SHIFTS *levers of change* and *promising practices*, our project focuses on:

- tertiary prevention by working with men with abusive behavior
- primary prevention by engaging adolescent boys in healthy relationships
- a community level through campaigns aimed at having citizens understand the role of men and boys in the prevention of family violence, as well as the impact of family violence on the community

Expenditures	Grant	FCS 2016 Budgeted Contribution
Staffing	\$145,161	
Travel	\$2000	
Program material and supplies	\$9,500	
Professional training “Stosny Model”	\$2,000	\$5,000
Equipment (one-time)	\$5,000	\$5,700
Total	\$163,661	\$10,700

Funding from this grant will allow:

- a) Hiring of a highly skilled, part-time Counsellor specializing in intervention with men with abusive behavior (0.5 FTE) who will utilize the evidence-based compassion-based model.
- b) Part-time (0.5 FTE) Healthy Futures Coach to focus on engaging adolescent boys in healthy relationship awareness and skill building within a school setting. The initial pilot is within a junior high school (i.e. Clover Bar Junior High). The intent is to support young men who have been identified as at-risk for unhealthy relationships. A partnership with Men as Allies will provide some direct role modeling for adolescent males in the school setting.
- c) Community-wide campaigns, targeted public awareness and workshops. Assisting with primary prevention is the third part-time position, Community Engagement Worker, (0.5 FTE), funded through this grant. On a primary prevention level both community-wide and targeted public awareness campaigns will be developed and implemented. As well, this position will organize and execute education and awareness workshops for a variety of audiences (i.e. business, industry, sports leaders).

All positions will collaborate with existing community services to ensure they are enhanced rather than duplicated.