

Towards a Collaborative, Coordinated Community Response to Family Violence in Edmonton – Putting Theory into Practice

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Edmonton Collaborative Coordinated Community Response (ECCCR) to Family Violence and Bullying

- History

- Spring 2007
- 3 initiatives were called together by Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying (PFV&B) office of Alberta Children's Services
 - Community Initiatives Against Family Violence (CIAFV)
 - Edmonton John Howard Society – Victims Assistance Program (EJHS – VAP)
 - Domestic Violence Centre Initiative (DVCI) now the “Today Centre”
- Continued funding for all 3 initiatives was offered if we worked together to ensure a collaborative response to family violence in Edmonton
- Goal of the ECCCR is to represent the voice of the community.

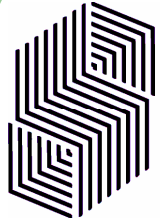
Collaboration – Different Kinds of Partnerships

- Cooperation – where agencies share general information about their mandates, objectives and services
- Coordination – where professionals from different agencies confer, share decision making, coordinate their service delivery
- Collaboration – develop a shared vision – build inter-dependent system to address issues and opportunities and share resources - joint planning, joint implementation and joint evaluation

Goldblatt, Ann – “Should We Dance – a resource for effective partnering”

Description and Overlap

- EJHS – VAP – a program collaboration within the domestic violence courts
- CIAFV – a community collaboration of agencies and initiatives
- Today Centre (formally DVCI) – a collaboration between agencies to achieve integrated service delivery



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Victims' Assistance Program

Support victims of family violence through the domestic violence criminal court process from when charges are laid through to the conclusion of the case.

- Client centered and individualized support
- Services provided by professional staff who have expertise in family violence
- Work collaboratively with the Crown Prosecutors office

Community Initiatives Against Family Violence (CIAFV)

CIAFV is a dynamic, voluntary, Edmonton initiative comprised of government, not-for-profit agencies and individuals working towards a collaborative, coordinated, community response to family violence and bullying.

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TODAY

Family Violence
Help Centre

**A COMMUNITY BASED CENTRE DEDICATED TO CHANGING
THE CYCLE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE THROUGH CO-LOCATED
STAFF AND LINKED COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

Key Objectives

- To make key decision/policy makers and the public aware of the need to end family violence
- Ensure that policies and priorities of all orders of government, community and business reflect an increased priority in making Edmonton family violence free
- Link with provincial coordinated responses addressing family violence to strengthen ECCCR, share mutual learnings and aid in the development of a common provincial voice

EJHS – VAP, CIAFV and The Today Centre

- Are all working towards a collaborative, coordinated, community response to family violence but in different arenas:
- Coordinated Program Response within the court system - VAP
- Community Collaboration - CIAFV
- Integrated agency service delivery model to be operationalized – Today Centre

ECCCR Accomplishments --- Spring 2007 to now

- Finalized Terms of Reference
- Continuing to work on Strategic Plan with a focus on goals
- Looking at opportunities to dialogue with other Coordinated Community Responses in the Province.