

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (#SVAM) INITIATIVES 2023



Teal Ribbons in various locations throughout our service area.



Book readings in local libraries

Sexual Violence Awareness Month (SVAM) is recognized in Canada each May. Dragonfly Centre has the largest service area serving a population of over 109,000 people spanning over 65,000 km² with 1 city, 9 towns, 40+ villages and hamlets, 4 Métis settlements represented in Region I, II and V, and 10 First Nations represented in Treaty 6 and 8 territories. This year, we have many events planned during the month of May to recognize sexual violence awareness month.

Some SVAM events include:

Teal Ribbon Awareness & Fundraising Campaign
where they ask people to wear a teal ribbon in support of survivors of sexual violence;

Book reading in local libraries,
confirmed so far are Slave Lake, Athabasca, St. Paul, Smoky Lake, Cold Lake, Bonnyville;

A Poster Awareness & Fundraising Campaign
where businesses and organizations can show their support to survivors of sexual violence by purchasing and displaying an SVAM poster in their window;

Weekly Virtual Presentations for caregivers and professionals

Where their head office is located, they'll have main street donned with an SVAM **Banner and Light post signs during the month.**

Their newest initiative is the FRIES campaign continued on next page...



Banner and flags on mainstreet Bonnyville

CONSENT is as easy as

Freely given
Revocable
Informed
Enthusiastic
Specific



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*Consent is as easy as FRIES Campaign
with local restaurants*

Did you know?

96% of Canadians believe that we require consent, however only 28% of Canadians understand how to give or get consent.

(Canadian Women's Foundation, 2018)

We asked restaurants throughout our vast service area to help us spread this awareness surrounding consent by selling FRIES. We have participating restaurants selling FRIES in Bonnyville, Athabasca, Wabasca-Desmarais, Slave Lake, Lac La Biche, Grassland, and

Cold Lake who have graciously stepped up to help educate patrons by having tent-cards on table tops and stickers to go out with every plate served with FRIES. We hope everyone can find a participating restaurant nearby, but if not anyone can take the Consent Quiz on our website www.thedragonflycentre.com/blog/

Thanks to the Victims & Survivors of Crime Week grant. We're able to offer our newly developed Rural Response to Sexual Abuse Training Workshop for free during the VSCW Week of May 15 – 19. This training workshop was designed to educate participants about sexual violence through a trauma-informed lens that understands the intersectionality of sexual violence and responses to it. Developed for rural, low-population communities where the responders may know both the victim and the offender, this program offers a strengths-based solution that utilizes trust, empathy, honesty and shared responsibility for healing and protecting children in our communities. These **free** workshops will be in-person only and facilitated in



RRSA Training Workshops in various communities throughout our service area.

Wabasca May 15, Athabasca May 16, Lac La Biche May 17, St. Paul May 18.

Limited space is available, so sign up soon!

To sign up or for more information on any of our SVAM initiatives, email events@dragonflysac.ca or call and speak with Amber or Jessie at 1-866-300-HEAL (4325).

Module 1: Multigenerational & Historical Trauma

Discuss multigenerational trauma and how that impacts today's generations and how we are still healing. Explores how this trauma is contributing to the propagation of child sexual abuse today.

Module 2: Child Sexual Abuse

Provides an overview of the legal aspects of consent and child abuse within the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, and the Criminal Code of Canada. Explores harmful myths surrounding child sexual abuse and how to shift perspectives.

Module 3: Adults Who Were Abused as Children

Provides an overview of the survival skills children utilize during trauma and how they can become negative coping mechanisms. Goes over the long-lasting impacts that sexual abuse has on the survivor and their triggering events.

Module 4: Once Sexual Abuse is Known

Discusses how children may disclose. Gives an overview of key communication skills and the model of responding to a disclosure. This module reviews vicarious trauma and self-awareness for those hearing disclosures.

Module 5: Rethinking Community Strategies

Discusses new ways for rural communities to respond to sexual violence. Explores ways for community members to come together and initiate the healing process.



Rural Response to Sexual Abuse

Training Workshop

The Rural Response to Sexual Abuse is designed to educate participants about sexual violence through a trauma-informed lens that understands the intersectionality of sexual violence and responses to it. This workshop was designed for rural, low-population areas where responders may have a relationship with both the offender and survivor. It offers a strengths-based solution that utilizes trust, honesty, empathy, and shared responsibility for healing and protecting children in our communities.

May 15, 2023 | Wabasca | 1-4 pm | Northern Lakes College

May 16, 2023 | Athabasca | 10 am - 1 pm | Cole Street Office

May 17, 2023 | Lac La Biche | 9 am - 12 pm | Portage College

May 18, 2023 | St. Paul | 1 pm - 4 pm | Portage College



To register, email
events@thedragonflycentre.com

or call 1-866-300-4325

Rural Response to Sexual Abuse Registration



Thank you for taking interest in participating in this workshop. This is approximately a 3.5 hour workshop that includes a participant workbook and certificate upon completion. Please fill in the registration form below so we can save you a seat. This form and any questions regarding this program can be sent to events@dragonflysac.ca

Registration Information

Full Name	
Company	
Job Position/ Description	
Email	
Have you participated in a Dragonfly Centre Training before?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Is there any other training(s) you'd be interested in from Dragonfly Sexual Violence Services

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