2425 ALBERTA MEN RESPONDED TO A SURVEY ABOUT MEN'S WELL-BEING AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

6:30 PM

Welcome Address

6:50 PM

Introduction to the Research

6:55 PM

The Community Process and the Partners

7:00 PM

Provincial Greetings

7:05 PM

Results of the Survey and Implications

7:35 PM

Music Showcase

-Erin Mulcair-

-Enoch Attey, Sean

Sonego, & Guests-

-Kirk Leblanc-

Community Dialogue

SURVEY PARTNERS

Alberta Father Involvement Initiative, **Alberta Human Rights Commission** City of Edmonton **Strathcona County Family & Community Services** (Community & Social Development Sector) **Edmonton/Evergreen Family Violence Committee Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary (ECCC)** Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Beaumont Men's Action Network Calgary (MAN-C) Men Edmonton (ME.) **REACH Edmonton Norwood Family Center The Calgary Foundation** United Way of Calgary and Area University of Calgary, Faculty of Social Work Calgary Immigration Women's Association Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services

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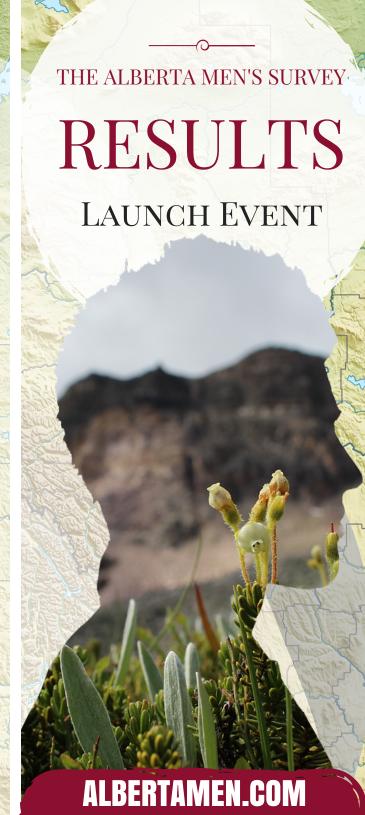
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THE SURVEY

November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence.

Building men's capacities to participate in gender-based violence prevention work is long overdue. Research shows that violence against women (VAW) and girls is a global phenomenon. The United Nations identified domestic violence as the most pervasive form of VAW. In Canada. men commit the majority of sexual assaults, physical assaults with a weapon and homicides. Men and boys are also negatively impacted by male violence and rigid gender/sexuality stereotypes and expectations. More work is needed to build the capacity of men and boys to reduce gender-based violence. The literature also draws associations among racism, discrimination, social isolation, poverty and domestic violence; these issues must be addressed in concert with one another. While there is increasing recognition of the important roles that men can adopt in domestic violence reduction initiatives, there is limited data on what men need in order to build and sustain healthy relationships. This lack of data contributes to the barriers that men face in accessing existing programming related to healthy relationships, as well as gaps in developing new services to address men's needs. The Alberta Men's Survey (AMS) is a community-initiated collaborative project that started from pockets of conversation regarding domestic violence, gender equality and masculinity. These groups of men and women initially met in February 2014. Since then, they have worked together to mobilize members of the community, agencies, and academia to explore how men's domestic violence roles can be supported from a primary prevention lens. This led to the identification of well-being and the promotion of healthy non-violent relationships as a focal point for a provincewide survey. From an initial core group of 27 men and women, the initiative has grown to 70 individuals involved in the survey tool development, translation of the survey into four languages, development of a website, promotion and recruitment of participants, survey encoding, analysis and presentations of the results.

The Alberta Men's Survey Leadership Team believe that AMS results and the ensuing Men's Dialogues will increase the community's understanding of the supports, needs, perspectives and strengths of men in Alberta with regards on gender-based violence. It is our hope that the learning from the AMS will support the efforts of governments and the numerous organizations that are working on the creation, implementation, and evaluation of preventatives services that focus on men.

For more information on the survey visit: WWW.ALBERTAMEN.COM

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