

The Alberta Men's Survey

From July through October 2015, 2425 Alberta men responded to a survey on well-being and healthy relationships. This survey was developed by 70 men and women committed to enhancing men's roles in violence prevention.

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 province-wide 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 preventative services that focus on men.

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Program of Activities

11:00 am.... Acknowledgement and Welcome Address

Adrian Wolfleg , Dean Jackie Sieppert and Marichu Antonio

11:10 am.... The Community Process and Acknowledgement of the Partners

Vic Lantion and Michael Hoyt

11:20 am.... Survey Highlights

Liza Lorenzetti & Percy Murwisi

11:50 am.... Words from Selected Guests

Short talk by MLA. Manmeet Bhullar

12:10 pm.... Q & A

Abbas Mancey

12:25 pm.... Lunch and Dialogue

Michael Hoyt and Fanny Oliphant

Moderators: *Bayo Ogunbote and Justin Otteson*

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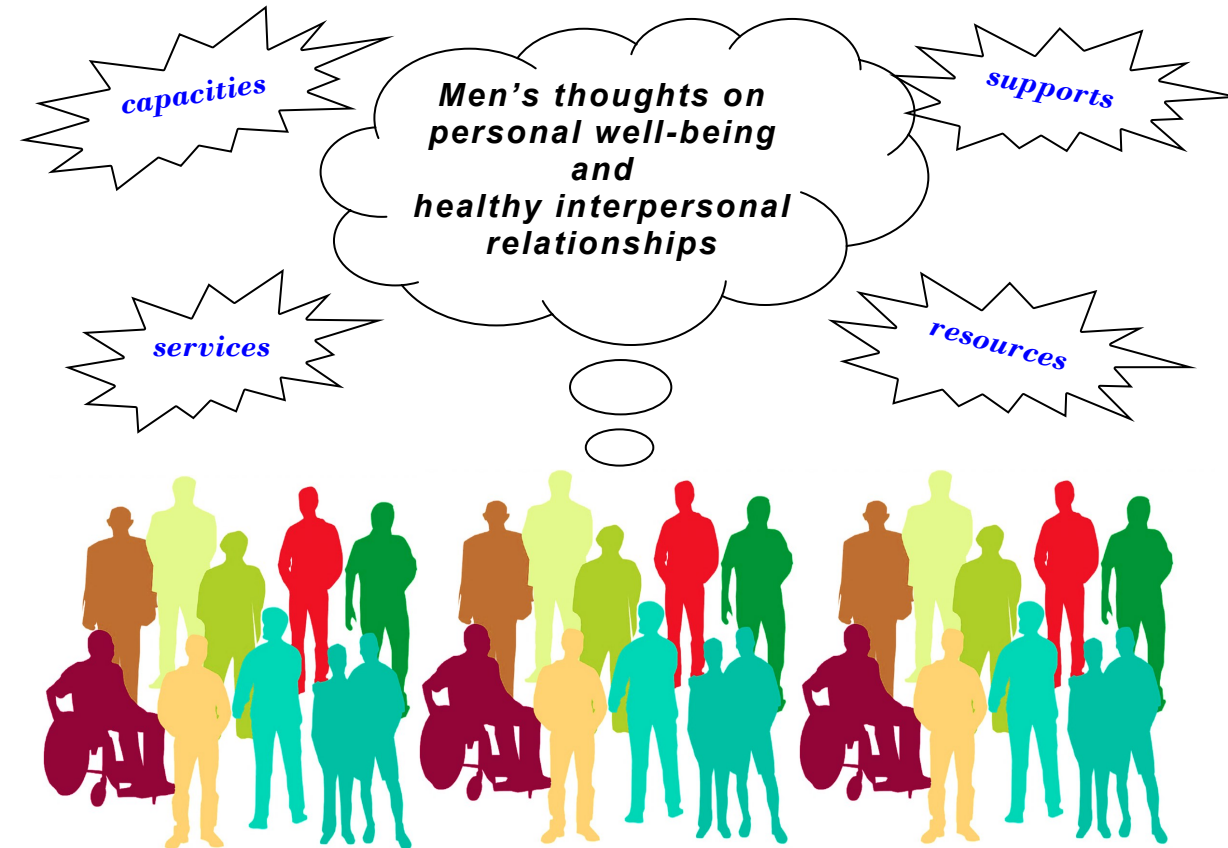
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THE ALBERTA MEN'S SURVEY

Research Launch and Dialogue



**Monday, November 23, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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Results of the survey can be accessed at <http://www.albertamen.com/>