

## November to be proclaimed Family Violence Prevention Month

Residents are invited to join Mayor Don Iveson and community partners as they proclaim November as [Family Violence Prevention Month](#) in Edmonton. This year's theme, "Supporting the Supporters: How Friends and Family Can Help Prevent Family Violence," focuses on the pivotal role informal support systems can play in preventing family violence.



**Date:** Monday, November 2

**Time:** Noon – 1 p.m.

**Location:** City Room, City Hall, 1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

CTV Edmonton's Stacey Brotzel will host the event, which welcomes guest speaker Lana Wells to discuss how our informal networks such as friends and family are essential to preventing family violence. Wells is an acclaimed researcher and presenter and holds the Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary.

Family Violence Prevention Month began as a grassroots initiative in 1986 in Hinton, Alberta and is now supported by the Alberta Legislature as an ongoing Provincial initiative to raise awareness and support family violence prevention. Family violence continues to be an issue in our community. In 2014, there were 7,745 domestic violence occurrences reported to Edmonton Police Services.

Visit us [online](#) for more information on support groups and family violence prevention resources.

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