**News Release**

**Medicine Hat Family Violence Coalition (MHFVC) Developing Community Action Plan to Prevent Domestic and Family Violence**

**Medicine Hat, Alberta** – November 9, 2016 – The Medicine Hat Family Violence Coalition (MHFVC) is developing a community action plan to prevent domestic and family violence. This plan will address safety needs in the community and provide a collaborative response in addressing this issue.

Collaborative partners include:

* Southeastern Alberta Sexual Assault Response Committee
* Redcliff RCMP
* Medicine Hat Police Service
* Victims Assistance
* Safe Families Intervention Team
* Medicine Hat Women’s Shelter Society
* Women Investing in New Skills
* Alberta Works
* Child and Family Services
* Probation
* City of Medicine Hat, Seniors Services
* Domestic Violence Offender Treatment
* Medicine Hat Family Service
* Canadian Mental Health
* Alberta Health Services
* Prairie Rose School Division
* Sammis Immigration
* John Howard Society

The MHFVC members meet bi-monthly to address violence in Medicine Hat. Ongoing training opportunities are also offered to the membership to heighten awareness of services, share resources, and increase knowledge to best serve individuals.

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