



The Power of Collaboration

The goal of Victims and Survivors of Crime Week is to raise awareness nationwide and locally around the issues facing victims and survivors of crime and the services, programs, and laws in place to help them and their families. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the important work of victim service providers and other criminal justice professionals who assist victims of crime.

The theme of this year's Victims and Survivors of Crime week is *"The Power of Collaboration"* which is a value at the centre of locally provided services to victims and survivors of crime in the Trail Area. Two key local services include:

Greater Trail and District RCMP Victim Services: RCMP Detachment 250-368-2184

The program provides services to all victims of crime and tragedy. Its purpose is to lessen the impact of crime and trauma on victims and families, to assist them in their recovery, to enhance victim safety, to help reduce the risk of further victimization and to increase victims' level of participation in the criminal justice system. It is also available to provide immediate crisis support (24/7) in situations of family violence before referring the victim to Community-Based Victim Services (see below).

Services include:

- Crisis intervention and emotional support
- Assistance in completing Crime Victim Assistance Program applications and Victim Impact Statements
- Court orientation and accompaniment
- Preparation of victims who are acting as witnesses for court proceedings
- Referrals to community resources

Community-Based Victim Services: Trail FAIR Centre Society 250-364-2326 ext. 227 or 234

This specialized program provides support for victims of relationship abuse/assault, adult sexual assault, child sexual assault/abuse, adult survivors, criminal harassment and stalking. This program also provides the LAW CLINIC and LEGAL AID community connections.

Services include:

- Information and support in person or over the phone
- Court updates, court orientations and accompaniments
- Assistance in completing Crime Victim Assistance Program applications and Victim Impact Statements
- Safety planning and risk assessment
- Assistance finding a lawyer, applying for legal aid and accessing legal advice
- Referral to other programs and agencies for counselling or other needs
- Education and public awareness on relationship violence

Trail FAIR Society: 250-364-2326

Staff from the Victim Services Program collaborates with others from [FAIR](#) to offer supports to women and their children who are victims and survivors of family violence.

Services include:

- The WINS Transition House provides a 30 day emergency shelter
- Second Stage is a 12 to 18 month support and housing program
- Several additional counselling programs and supports

FAIR also collaborates with agencies in the Trail area and other communities to offer:

- The Trail Area “Caring Communities” map of key community services
- The [KB FETCH](#) community services web-directory which allows “one-stop” access to up-to-date information about services and resources in the Kootenay Boundary region
- The 24/7 Interior Crisis Line (1-888-353-3373) provides trained staff and volunteers to listen, support and direct callers to needed resources and services

Greater Trail and District Inter-Agency Committees: Collaboration has also led to the formation of working committees of staff from a wide range of local agencies which provide various services to victims and survivors of crime.

These Committees include:

- **The Violence Against Women in Relationships (VAWIR) Committee** offers the wider community information and opportunities for reflection and action to end violence.
- **The Inter-Agency Case Assessment Team (ICAT) Committee** provides immediate coordinated intervention and support in intimate partner violence cases when there is a concern for serious bodily harm or death.
- **Safe Kids and Youth (SKY)** enables systems to work together to support a child or youth (up to age 19) who has experienced abuse or violence. The goal is a more seamless response to child/youth abuse that reduces the potential for re-traumatization.

At the provincial level, [VictimLinkBC](#) is a toll-free, confidential, multilingual service available across B.C. and the Yukon 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be accessed by calling or texting 1-800-563-0808 or sending an email to VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca. It provides information and referral services to all victims of crime and immediate crisis support to victims of family and sexual violence, including victims of human trafficking exploited for labour or sexual services.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN CANADA



RIGHT TO
INFORMATION



RIGHT TO
PROTECTION



RIGHT TO
PARTICIPATION



RIGHT TO SEEK
RESTITUTION



RIGHT TO
MAKE A COMPLAINT