

"Awo Taan"

is a Blackfoot word which means "Shield" a name given to the Society for protection for the families using the services of Awo Taan

Our Vision

Nurturing Families

Living in Peace

Our Mission

To provide a broad continuum of support services, guided by Aboriginal traditional teachings, that include prevention, intervention, and healing to anyone affected by any form of abuse



Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society Family Wellness Center

4518 17 Ave SE
Calgary AB T2A 0T8
(403) 531-1880
Fax: (403) 531-1884

Family Violence Prevention

(403) 531-1880
ext. 108 or 106
(cell) (403) 862-0721
or
(cell) (403) 862-0739

Outreach

(403) 531-1880 ext. 107
Fax: (403) 531-1884

Rural and Community Outreach

Office: (403) 531-1970 Ext 205
Fax: (403) 531-1977

**If you are in immediate crisis,
contact our crisis lines:**

(403) 531-1972 or (403) 531-1976.
Available to take your call 24/7.

Email:

info-parentlink@awotaan.org

Website: www.awotaan.org

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Family Violence Prevention & Outreach Services

We Offer:

- ◆ Services for everyone affected by family violence
- ◆ All programs/services free of charge
- ◆ Letter of *completion of program* provided
- ◆ Family Violence education for individuals and couples
- ◆ Family Wellness Information
- ◆ Healthy relationships and life skills
- ◆ Family Violence impacts on individuals, family, children, relationships, etc.
- ◆ Safety Planning
- ◆ Access to Elders
- ◆ Women's Peer Support
- ◆ Healing Circles
- ◆ Home visits
- ◆ Programs recognized by **CFSA** (Child & Family Services Authority)
- ◆ Basic needs
- ◆ Connections to community resources
- ◆ Supportive counselling
- ◆ Referrals

Healing/Sharing Circles

The healing/sharing circles is an opportunity for women in the community to share their feelings and their stories in a safe environment . Elders guide the groups to aid in the healing process.

Monday's **Women's Healing Circle**

5 pm – 8 pm an Elder is present.
(403) 531-1880 extension 106 or 107.
(Supper is provided)

Wednesday mornings, **Women's Healing Circle** 10:30am telephone:
(403) 531-1880 extension 104.

Lunch is provided at noon every Wednesdays at the Family Wellness Center Location.

Wednesdays @ 12:30pm Family Violence Prevention's **Women's Circle of Safety.**

All Healing circles are held in the Family Wellness Center.

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Elders are present.

Child Care is available for all circles.

Why We Do This:

343 Aboriginal females out of every 1,000 are victims of violent crimes compared to 96 out of every 1,000 non-Aboriginal women

54% of Aboriginal women surveyed said they had been a victim of spousal assault compared to 37% of non-Aboriginal women

1/3 of these women reported that their children had witnessed the violence

Aboriginal females are 3.5 times more at-risk to be a victim of a violent crime than non-Aboriginal women.

(Public Health Agency of Canada)

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