



PARTNERS

FAMILY SERVICES

Meet The Team!

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Position: Triple P Facilitator

Employed at PARTNERS since: 2013

Hobbies & Interests: Enjoys spending time with family (especially her grandchildren), going camping, biking and travelling.



NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Signs of domestic violence include:

- physical injuries (bruises, broken bones, cuts, sprained wrists, etc)
- anxiety or agitation
- low self-esteem
- symptoms of depression
- becoming distant with loved ones/appears to isolate themselves
- appears to be fearful of their partner/may refer to them as "possessive", or "jealous"
- always needing permission from their partner to do something or go somewhere

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, contact PARTNERS Family Services for assistance at 306-682-4135

Bee Kind

everyone you meet is fighting a battle

October 10th - World Mental Health Day



Reminders:

Rapid Access Counselling in Cudworth every Monday 9am-3pm.

Rapid Access Counselling in Humboldt every Wednesday 9am-3pm.

Rapid Access Counselling in Wynyard every Tuesday and Thursday 9am-3pm.

Call 306-682-4135 or visit www.counsellingconnectsask.ca

Human Trafficking: Shedding Light on Darkness

Forced Marriage

Under the Criminal Code, it is an offence to celebrate, support or participate in a forced marriage ceremony or a ceremony where one of the individuals is under 16. It is also an offence to remove a child (in this situation, a person under 18) from Canada with the intention of celebrating, or participating in a forced marriage.

There are important connections between human trafficking and forced marriage. Human trafficking includes three elements: (1) **Act** (ie: recruitment, transferring, harbouring), (2) **Means** (ie: threaten, coercion or the use of force), (3) **Purpose** (ie: forced labour services, forced prostitution). Although the common definitions of human trafficking don't include forced marriage, forced marriage can in fact be a method of human trafficking to transport individuals locally, nationally or internationally.

Cases of forced marriage connect with human trafficking when the three elements are reflected upon in the case. (1) **Act** (ie: marriage, movement – transport) (2) **Means** (ie: using force to gain what appears to be consent for the marriage, to obtain citizenship) (3) **Purpose** (ie: control over the individual – sexual, emotional abuse and/or servitude).

Forced marriage is a marriage that occurs without the consent of one or both individuals involved. Forced marriage is considered a form of violence which displays through emotional, physical, sexual and mental abuse. Some examples of this kind of abuse occurring are abduction, financial control, confinement, isolation from loved ones and using religious and cultural reasons for the abuse. Coercion often takes place in forced marriage situations which means an individual is intimidated to “consent”, it is important to remember that intimidated consent does not constitute as full consent.

Forced marriages can happen to anyone of any gender, age, race, culture or religion. Though girls and women are the prominent victims of forced marriage, boys and men can also be forced into a marriage they do not consent to be in.

Did you know...

1 in 5 girls in the world are married before the age of 18

Over 650 million women alive today were married as children

(Info from: girlsnotbrides.org)

Forced Marriage VS. Arranged Marriage

Forced Marriage	Arranged Marriage
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The marriage is discussed, but one or both individuals are not be involved in the discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The marriage is discussed openly with both individuals involved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One or both of the individuals to be married does not have a voice in the matter. One or both do not consent or “consent” under coercion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The families of the individuals are involved in the process but ultimately the final decision is up to the persons looking to be married.

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, please contact 911, or provide a tip to the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010. If you are looking for support and assistance in doing so, please contact PARTNERS Family Services at 306-682-4135.