

2.2 In accordance with these beliefs, we aim to:

2.2(a) Promote awareness, understanding, and commitment to action in relation to the issues of domestic/sexual violence within the community.

2.2(b) Promote and provide community education and professional development pertaining to domestic/sexual violence.

2.2(c) Encourage and support effective, non-violent social advocacy designed to eradicate violence against all persons; responsible prevention initiatives; and the development and delivery of effective services to victims and survivors of domestic/sexual violence.

2.2(d) Encourage and support legal, judicial and professional interventions which hold perpetrators and assailants accountable for their actions through the criminal, civil and family court systems, and/or in accordance with all relevant legislation.

2.2(e) Promote and provide fully accessible services to victims, survivors, family members and perpetrators/assailants within our community.

2.2(f) Provide leadership and support for a coordinated, collaborative community response to deal with domestic/sexual violence with particular attention to the development of complementary and effective therapeutic and advocacy services for victims, survivors and supportive family members.

2.2(g) Develop and demonstrate understanding of and mutual respect for the various roles and responsibilities of the different professionals and agencies involved with victims and survivors of domestic/sexual violence, their children, supportive family members, and/or perpetrators and assailants.

2.2(h) Understand the devastating effects that sexual and domestic violence have on victims and survivors. The community has a vested interest in ensuring a thorough and accountable response when violence occurs.

2.2(i) Recognize that the goal of supporting victims and survivors and the prevention of further violence is complex and cannot be achieved if community partners work in isolation. This protocol is intended as a reference that supports effective collaboration.