



Violence Prevention-Avalon East Membership Mandate 2017-2018

Violence Prevention Avalon East is an alliance of community and government agencies dedicated to ending violence. The Coalition acts as an umbrella organization to provide support and enhance the violence prevention work of Member agencies throughout the Avalon East region. The Coalition is governed by a Board of Directors, elected by the Member agencies.

As an equality-seeking organization whose mandate is to address violence at its roots, the Coalition educates and advocates; increases awareness around the issues of violence; and lobbies for enhanced services in the prevention and early intervention of violence.

A group for change, the Coalition brings together diverse perspectives to facilitate crucial dialogue concerning emerging issues, policies, strategies, and front-line responses.

The Coalition is one of ten throughout the province working in partnership with the provincial Government's Violence Prevention Initiative.

The Coalition's main objectives are:

Networking and Info-sharing

- To establish and strengthen a communication network among organizations involved in advocacy, service, and education on issues of violence
- To gather and share information, knowledge, resources and approaches of other communities in dealing with violence, and to build on these resources to improve our response to these issues
- To promote Member services and provide referrals

Education, Training and Awareness

- To increase awareness of the root causes of violence and the impact of violence on society
- To bring about attitudinal change
- To take leadership in promoting and planning for Violence Prevention Month and 16 Days of Activism (Nov 25th – Dec 10th)
- To facilitate workshops, training, connections and educational opportunities for Members and the general public
- To encourage and coordinate anti-violence education within schools, community and government
- To engage individuals and communities in addressing violence

Facilitate Dialogue and Collaboration

- To engage the Membership in:
 - Identifying needs and opportunities and working collaboratively to address these
 - Establishing / supporting small working groups to work on these issues
 - Advocating for change or growth
- To strengthen and support partnerships with those involved in violence prevention work