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Theme: Prevention and Awareness

The mission at the Rowan House Emergency Shelter is to provide crisis intervention, long-term support and education for those affected by family violence in rural communities. Rowan House Trauma Informed services take into account an understanding of trauma in all aspects of service delivery. Safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration and empowerment are the core values at Rowan House.

Critical Elements

- Branches Prevention Education: Rowan House believes prevention and education are effective ways of ending abuse in their community and see this as a promising practice. They provide School presentations to grades 2, 5, 8 and 11. Topics are geared to the specific grades. For the younger children the emphasis is on bullying and for the older children the emphasis is on healthy relationships. Rowan House also provides public presentations Domestic Violence 101, Healthy Relationships 10
- Leading Change: Rowan House volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin to do presentations in schools and with local businesses this fall.