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*St. Paul & District Crisis Association*

Theme: Perpetrator Accountability

St. Paul and District Crisis Association includes an emergency shelter (Columbus House of Hope) for women and children impacted by domestic violence in addition to overseeing the Turning Point Treatment program for men and the Family Violence Liaison program which provides support for victims of domestic violence when criminal charges have been laid.

#### *Critical Elements*

- Funded by AHS; therefore must adhere to AHS Treatment Standards (which are under review at this time).
- Referral sources: Probation, Child and Family Services, and self referrals. Priority is given to referrals from probations, as per AHS core standards. The AHS FVTP staff consists of: .5FTE Mental Health Therapist, .5FTE Addictions Counsellor, .5FTE court worker. The mental health therapist and the addictions counsellor receive all referrals and determine suitability for group. The list of approved participants is then forwarded to the contracted agency, St. Paul & District Crisis Association.
- (SPDCA is responsible for: Hiring, training and supervising the group facilitators; Arranging and paying for transportation, food, the cultural component, program supplies, rent of facility, security.
- Partner safety checks completed 3 times during the group sessions
- Transportation is provided as most of the participants are from one of reserves in the area (large transportation budget). A meal is also served prior to the group starting. An Elder works with the group as well – first session starts with a pipe ceremony and at the end of the group sessions there is a sweat. A cultural component is introduced – though it is not an Indigenous specific group; There is an emphasis on holistic healing
- 16-week program which is based on the curriculum developed by Waypoints in Ft McMurray
- After care component- St Paul is a pilot site. One of the group facilitators is able to check in with the individuals post groups.