

Envision Counselling and Support Centre

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Envision Counselling and Support Centre is pleased to announce that October 17th through October 23rd has been proclaimed the 2011 “Week Without Violence” in conjunction with the YWCA’s of Canada. Envision will use this week to highlight the need to address the issue of interpersonal violence in Southeast Saskatchewan.

The Executive Director of the program, Patt Lenover-Adams says “the demand for services from our agency continues to increase. We have seen over 900 referrals to our programs in the past year through our website, 24-Hour Support Line and direct client referrals.”

Envision continues to offer services to survivors and secondary survivors of family violence, sexual assault, dating violence, past childhood abuse and older person abuse. People seeking support are able to access counselling, support groups, educational programming and crisis intervention through Envision.

Anyone who is interested in receiving counselling can phone and book an appointment with a counsellor in the Estevan office at 637-4004 or in the Weyburn office at 842-8821. Alternatively people may contact a counsellor confidentially through the Envision website www.envisioncounsellingcentre.com to ask a question about any issues surrounding interpersonal violence and abuse. The Envision website has a wealth of information available to the public on this issue.

Envision has a 24-Hour Sexual Assault/Abuse Support Line that can help members of the community whose lives have been touched by violence. Volunteers are available to offer an empathetic ear for callers and/or direct them to an agency that can offer assistance and support. The telephone number for Envision’s 24-Hour Support Line is: 1-800-214-7083.

Volunteers are always needed for the line and the fall training session will begin the end of October. Anyone interested in volunteering for the line is encouraged to contact Angela at the Estevan office for more information.

Envision hopes that as more people seek help and are informed of the issues surrounding interpersonal violence and abuse we can become stronger and more empowered as a community.

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