



HomeFront Media Kit 2018

About HomeFront

HomeFront is a non-profit organization creating safe communities by eliminating domestic violence through direct client services, justice coordination, and facilitating community action. At our core, HomeFront is based on collaboration. We work alongside the justice system, the police and various community agencies to ensure victims and their families have the opportunity to move their lives in a positive and healthy direction and break the cycle of abuse.

HomeFront clients come through referrals from the Calgary Police Service. Through a number of intervention and prevention strategies, HomeFront ensures clients have the support, information and resources they need to move their life into a positive and healthy direction and break the cycle of abuse.

We are an integrated part of the justice system, and since the inception of HomeFront, domestic violence re-offence rates in Calgary have been cut in half and victim engagement in the justice process has more than doubled. Victims are safer, offenders are being held accountable, and families are being given their best chance at a future free of domestic violence.

HomeFront's **Case Management** program works in collaboration with strategic partners to provide wrap around support services to victims and their families. Case Managers works alongside Child and Family Service, Crown, Calgary Police Service, Defence counsel, and Probation officers to support victims of domestic incidents through the criminal court process. In these cases, calls have been made to the police and charges were laid. Case Managers are an integrated part of Calgary's Specialized Domestic Violence court, and provide wrap around support to victims by:

- Helping victims understand the court proceedings and providing court updates.
- Ensuring victims' interests and wishes are considered in court decisions.
- Completing risk assessments and developing effective safety planning.
- Connecting victims to resources in the community.
- Following-up with victims until probation orders end and clients' safety is optimized.

The Case Management program works alongside the **High Risk Management Initiative (HRMI)**. This initiative provides risk assessment, risk management and intense intervention strategies for high risk offenders and victims. HRMI is an innovative partnership between Alberta Health Services, Calgary and Area Child and Family Services Authority, Calgary Counselling Centre, Calgary Police Service, Community Corrections, and YWCA Sheriff King Home.



Program Statistics

Domestic Violence in Calgary

- In 2017, the Calgary Police responded to 4, 971 domestic violence incidents, a 16% increase over 2016 and 47% increase over the five year average.

Demographic Information

- 81% of HomeFront clients are female.
- 19% of clients are male.
- The average age of female clients is 33 years.

Program Outcomes

- Case Managers monitored, supported and intervened in 3,770 domestic violence cases.
- 77% of clients reported feeling safe after HomeFront intervention.
- 11,883 safety checks and safety plans completed with clients.
- 97% of HomeFront clients agreed that they “Felt comfortable talking with their Caseworker” (client satisfaction survey).
- 92% of HomeFront clients stated that they found the overall quality of service they received from their Case Manager to be helpful or very helpful.

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