

The Advocate: Helping Ourselves Help Others

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St. Albert Victim Services Newsletter

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We provide support, assistance, information and referrals to victims of crime, violent acts and accidental or natural disasters within the City of St. Albert, Alberta in order to minimize the effect of their crisis and help return their lives to a desired degree of stability.



Save The Date

Board Meeting

August 22, 2019 @ 6:00 pm. At Digital Link, 18116 102 Ave. NW Edmonton T5S 1S7

Advocate Meeting

September 12 @ 6:30 at the usual place

Family Violence Across the LifeSpan Workshops (see Feb. 25 newsletter by clicking on the link below)

September 4 and 5

December 4 and 5

All of the exciting past issues are located in the VSU office or click on the link below

<https://stalbertvictimservices.ca/category/news-events/>



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Welcome to Thomas – one of our newest Advocates who was training with Colleen recently.



Tornado Safety Tip:

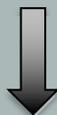
In the event of a tornado, put some weiners in your pockets.

That way the search dogs will find you first.





Connect with Chris or Teresa in VSU for more information. →



Large kitchen with eating nook



Large bedroom with office/study nook & walk in closet



Living room



Glass doors to foyer and separate entrance

Some Advocates have been asking about CMO on the court dockets and when discussing court issues with Clients....

The Case Management Office (CMO) at the Courthouse has maximized the amount of time judges spend on meaningful events and reduced time spent in docket court speaking to matters that require little judicial input. The CMO counter reduces the number of prisoners that have to be transported to the courthouse saving time and money and improving safety.

Prior to Court Case Management (CCM), matters were heard in docket courts where defence counsel often waited a long time to have their matter called. Moving first appearance cases and simple remands to the CMO has relieved the burden on docket courts. Some locations have express lines for counsel. The accused has better access to justice through the CMO as it is less confusing and intimidating than a courtroom, with resources dedicated to explain the current status of their matter and the necessary next steps. The accused can appear at any time during a scheduled window and not sit in court for hours awaiting their appearance.

For more information visit: <https://www.albertacourts.ca/pc/about-the-court/innovation/ccm>



August Birthdays...

Don - August 14

Grace – August 18

M.J - August 20

Linda - August 21



3 Signs of Family Financial Abuse Seniors should be Aware Of...

According to CARP (Canadian Association for Retired Persons), two-thirds of all elder abuse is committed by family or loved ones, with financial abuse often par for the course (Getty Images/Hero Images)

With the biggest intergenerational transfer of wealth happening right now, the risk of family financial abuse is at an all-time high, experts say.

Approximately \$1 trillion in personal wealth will be transferred from one generation to the next in Canada between 2016 and 2026, with roughly 70 per cent of that in the form of financial assets, according to Toronto-based research firm Strategic Insight.

“It’s the crime [financial abuse] of the 21st century,” says Laura Tamblyn Watts, chief public policy officer at [CARP \(Canadian Association for Retired Persons\)](#). “It is a significant and growing problem.”

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A 2015 survey, [Into the Light](#), by the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly, the presence of financial abuse was just 2.6 per cent representing 244,176 older Canadians. But the numbers are likely much higher, says Tamblyn Watts, as participants surveyed did not include those in assisted living or long-term care facilities, or those with cognitive impairment.

“We think, in terms of financial [abuse], it’s more like one in four,” she adds.

So, what does family financial abuse look like, and how does it occur? Here are three situations seniors need to be mindful of.read on..... <https://www.cpacanada.ca/en/news/canada/2019-07-02-family-financial-abuse-seniors>