

Building Safer Communities Educators work on system-level development for programs, resources, and education to support the needs of youth in community as it relates to preventing youth gang and gun violence. Educators will work with parents/caregivers, youth serving organizations, schools, front-line workers, and the wider youth population to increase knowledge and capacity to support youth.

It is important to note that although Educators may be involved in supporting youth, families and organizations, they will not provide crisis or intervention-based services. Educators will be able to refer individuals to the appropriate services and resources.

Building Safer Communities Educators will complete the following activities:

1. Educators are trained Tier 2 & 3 navigators through the Integrated Coordinated Access (ICA) system and can assist people to get the services that they need through:
 - a) System Navigation and referral support which includes identification of appropriate referral pathways and providing information to access subsidies, stabilization funds and other community resources.
2. Design, develop and implement public awareness campaigns and educational resources that are identified priorities in the community, or for specific population groups.
3. Collaborate with Lethbridge Police Service to identify trends and factors associated with youth Gun and Gang violence and identify opportunities for program development for youth who are coming into contact with the court system.
4. Create community collaboration through a multi-stakeholder approach to identify resources, expertise, and conduct research on culturally based prevention strategies.
 - a) Educators will support service delivery of Building Safer Communities Case Managers by through research and resources on best practices.
 - b) Engage and collaborate with external agencies and governing bodies to build upon resources, connections, and community visibility.
 - c) Attend relevant community events to engage and disseminate resources.
 - d) Facilitate workshops and information sessions for members of the community, schools and youth organizations.

Sustainability planning will be an on-going initiative that will involve on-going community consultation and flexibility to accommodate the changing needs of the community.