

City Grande Prairie, AB
2010 Willis Award for Innovation
Certificate of Merit
Community Action on Crime Prevention

In 2004, the City of Grande Prairie, AB identified three root causes of crime in its community. Number one was substance abuse; number two was lack of community connectedness; and, number three was the breakdown of the family unit.

In support of Grande Prairie's vision for a safe and supportive community created by empowered citizens, the Community Action on Crime Prevention (CACP) was established. The group worked at a grassroots level, partnering with community members, agencies, schools, and the RCMP to deliver innovative, community-driven programs designed to prevent crime.

CACP brings in speakers to talk about community issues, holds conversation cafes to engage and inspire community members, and works with stakeholders and residents to come up with community based solutions on issues relating to safety and crime prevention in their neighbourhoods.

Initiatives include: Report a Drug House, Youth Intervention/Diversion Program, Developmental Assets for Youth, Graffiti Wipe Out Day, Bullying and Cyber Safety, Kids and Drugs Training, Prevention of Family Violence Network, and SafeGrowth. CACP also sits on many boards and committees.

CACP is committed to supporting community-driven solutions for crime prevention and making Grande Prairie a safer and stronger community. In Grande Prairie, a safe community is one of the pillars of Council's Strategic Plan.