



## Action Coalition on Human Trafficking

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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*The Calgary Community Action Plan on Human Trafficking launches at  
Calgary City Hall on April 24, 2019  
Presented by ACT Alberta: The Action Coalition on Human Trafficking*

**Trafficking in Persons is a crime prohibited under the criminal code, but that hasn't stopped rates from growing steadily in the province of Alberta.**

**ACT Alberta announces the launch of their most recent project, the Calgary Community Action Plan on Human Trafficking (CCAP).**

The CCAP was funded in 2017 by the City of Calgary. ACT Alberta spearheaded this project and engaged a core group of 12 agencies in Calgary:

Calgary Police Service (CPS)  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)  
Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)  
Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse (CCASA)  
City of Calgary  
Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary (EFry)  
HIV Community Link  
Calgary John Howard Society  
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YW Calgary  
Reset Society of Calgary

CCAP goals are three-fold; understand the landscape of human trafficking in Calgary, work together to create a strategic action plan, implement these strategies that work to prevent human trafficking while supporting victims.

**ACT Alberta consulted communities most vulnerable to the crime of human trafficking, including; newcomers, temporary foreign workers, homeless people and indigenous communities.** Knowledge keepers' and elders' involvement was crucial in this work, as they guided the projects' understanding of human trafficking as it appears in Calgary.

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Ultimately, **126 victims, academics, community leaders and law enforcement officers took part in interviews** for this project.

To find the full Calgary Community Action Plan on Human Trafficking, visit [actalberta.org](http://actalberta.org).

*“ACT Alberta leads this change to not only produce a clearer path forward for working together but a better way to prevent and support victims of human trafficking”* Amy Wilson, Executive Director

**Event information:**

Calgary City Hall (800 Macleod Trail, Calgary AB) on Wednesday, **April 24, 2019 9:00 am – 9:30 am.**

This event is not open to the public. **For media entry, please contact Ambere Porter at 780-474-1104.**

**Background:**

ACT Alberta works collaboratively with law enforcement, government agencies and non-profits to identify and respond to human trafficking in our province, since 2010. ACT Alberta serves the needs of internationally and internally trafficked adult men, women, LGBTQ+ and assists those trafficked for the purposes of labour exploitation, sexual exploitation and the removal of organs. ACT Alberta is a registered charity and is funded by all levels of government. We coordinate services for victims, manage a Victims Assistance Fund, provide training and education for stakeholders and the public and conduct research on human trafficking in the province, and build capacity for community-based responses. ACT Alberta is a highly-respected organization that is frequently consulted by stakeholders working on this and related issues across the country.

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