

# CIF FEATURE STORY:

## Community Mobilization and Social Development Program



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The Community Mobilization Program, also referred to as the “Hub” is a multi-agency team focused on crime prevention. Community Mobilization integrates the activities of various community agencies, including the Ile a la Crosse RCMP, Ile a la Crosse School Division #112, Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, Saskatchewan Justice, Saskatchewan Housing, Ministry of Social Services, and the Municipality of Ile a la Crosse. **“These agencies work together to identify at-risk children and youth, share information on individuals and families involved, and develop integrated, targeted intervention strategies,”** shared Philip Durocher, Municipal Operations Assistant.

The objectives of the Ile a la Crosse Mobilization Program are to achieve a dramatic and on-going reduction in the levels of crime and victimization in Ile a la Crosse; to improve all aspects of social wellness, including suicide prevention and reducing emergency room visits and school truancy; to give citizens and families at-risk the supports needed to build positive and healthy lives; to allow youth to grow and be educated in environments free from fear and risk; and to grant businesses a safe and positive place in which to operate.

The Ile a la Crosse Community Mobilization Program or “The Hub” was formed in April 2017 when an agreement was signed between six Provincial Ministries. Ile a la Crosse was the 13 Community in Saskatchewan to adopt the “Hub Model”. The Hub Table data entry clerk inputs all the client information into a provincial databank in order to get an annual Hub Statistical Report. The report shows all the risk categories with provincial comparisons and percentages that tells us which issues we need focus on and if increased resources are required. The Ile a la Crosse Hub follows a four-filter process to attempt to minimize the risk of inappropriate or unnecessary data sharing and to ensure participation in the discussions on a need to know basis.

**“The Hub is the component where our team of designated staff from community agencies and government ministries meet on a regular basis to address specific situations regarding clients facing elevated levels of risk and develop immediate, coordinated and integrated responses through the mobilization of resources,”** shared Durocher. **“It has definitely improved the quality of life for several individuals and their families.”**

“The Northern Village of Ile a la Crosse Mayor and Council were receiving phone calls of concern and crisis situations on a regular basis before the Hub Table was established. Now with the Community Mobilization Program, we have a more appropriate avenue of responding to community issues.”

- Mayor Duane Favel  
of Ile a la Crosse

