



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Orangeville, May 12, 2022 – Family Transition Place (FTP) and the Town of Orangeville will raise a flag in recognition of Sexual Violence Prevention Month.

On **Monday, May 16, 2022**, FTP and the Town of Orangeville will be raising a flag and proclaiming May as Sexual Violence Prevention Month (SVPM). SVPM—formerly named Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention Month—takes place annually throughout the month of May. As an [Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres \(OCRCC\)](#) member, FTP is participating in a campaign developed by the OCRCC in honour of this month-long initiative. The campaign includes a graphic and flag designed by an Indigenous design firm, with input from OCRCC public educators. The flag will be raised at **Orangeville Town Hall on May 16th at 1 p.m.** and will fly until May 27th.

The OCRCC includes over 30 community-based sexual assault centres. These centres have continued providing crisis and counselling support to survivors of sexual violence throughout the pandemic, in communities all across Ontario. **Right now, raising awareness about sexual violence is critical.** Since the onset of the pandemic:

- 81% of all Ontario sexual assault centres saw an increase in crisis line contacts (phone, text lines and crisis chat)
- 77% saw an increase in requests for counselling
- 96% report survivors in their community facing increased income insecurity
- 85% said ensuring survivors' safety has become more complex

*Source: [Recent trends: Survivors in our communities – OCRCC \(sexualassaultsupport.ca\)](#)

Monday, May 16, 2022 | 1 p.m.
Orangeville Town Hall
87 Broadway, Orangeville

Throughout the month of May, FTP is also posting important facts, information and resources on their social media pages and website.

Facebook and Instagram: [@familytransitionplace](#)
Twitter: [@ftplace](#) Website: www.familytransitionplace.ca

About Family Transition Place

Family Transition Place (FTP) provides a continuum of services to help women and children escape violence and unhealthy relationships and to help them rebuild their lives. Inside our doors, we offer a warm and welcoming place where their safety and well-being is the most important thing in the world. Whether it's a safe place to live, or the services of a professional, skilled counselor to assist them on their journey, FTP is there to help. FTP relies on community support through donations and sponsorships to ensure its programs maintain their high standard of excellence, and that our Youth Education programs continue to be available to the youth and communities of Caledon and Dufferin.

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