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Orangeville, May 2023 – Family Transition Place (FTP) and the Town of Orangeville will raise a flag in recognition of Sexual Violence Prevention Month.

Sexual Violence Prevention Month (SVPM)—formerly named Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention Month—takes place annually in May. FTP will be joining other members of the [Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres \(OCRCC\)](#) in raising awareness with community flag-raising ceremonies, proclamations and other awareness initiatives throughout the month of May. Local resources, information and SVPM updates will be posted to FTP's social media pages and website for community access and sharing.

On Monday, May 15, 2023, FTP and the Town of Orangeville will be raising a flag designed in partnership with the OCCRC by an Indigenous design firm last year and proclaiming May as SVPM. The flag will be raised at **Orangeville Town Hall on May 15th at 3 p.m.** Members of Orangeville Town Council and representatives from FTP will be present for this ceremony.

Town of Orangeville Flag-raising Ceremony
Monday, May 15, 2023 | 3 p.m.
Orangeville Town Hall
87 Broadway, Orangeville

The OCRCC includes over 30 community-based sexual assault centres. These centres provide crisis and counselling support to survivors of sexual violence in communities all across Ontario. This support is critical because there has been a notable increase in police-reported sexual violence incidents in Canada in recent years.

- There has been an 18% increase in reported sexual assaults in Ontario, every year since 2016
- Just 6% of all sexual assaults in Canada are reported to police
- 81% of all Ontario sexual assault centres saw an increase in crisis line calls in the last year

**Source: [Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres \(ocrcc.ca\)](#)*

Visit the following FTP pages for SVPM updates in May:

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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