

Patrick Dillon – Executive Director
The TODAY Family Violence Help Centre

Patrick has been working with and for children and families for over 20 years. He began his career as a Youth Worker in Vancouver, BC and now as the Executive Director, the position he has been in since the inception of the TODAY Centre in Sept 2009.

Patrick's educational background is in Recreation and Social Work. He has had the opportunity to experience many fields, including being a fireman for 8 years.

Prior to joining the TODAY Centre in Sept 2009, Patrick was a Family Violence and Bullying Initiatives Coordinator for Child & Family Services Authority (CFSA), a private consultant working for the Ministry of Community Development and the former Ministry of Alberta Family & Social Services. He was also an Executive Director of a Youth Centre in Camrose where he started the Boys and Girls Club and oversaw its growth into a multi-faceted youth facility to include one of the first outreach schools in the province, career services geared for youth and a major partner in the community in dealing with social issues.

In his current role, he works with various agencies that work in a collaborative centre that supports people impacted by family violence. He is very proud of the work that has been done and enjoys working with the many people that are passionate about the issue of family violence and making this issue non-existent.

Melanie Perka – Resource Worker
The TODAY Family Violence Help Centre

Melanie Perka graduated with her degree in Social Work from the University of Calgary in 2003 and is registered with the Alberta College of Social Workers. Her career started off working within the family violence domain and then into Children's Services both in Edmonton and Northern Ireland where she was living for the last six years. Upon moving back to Edmonton last summer, Melanie was fortunate enough to become a part of the Today Family Violence Help Centre team as a Resource/Intake Worker.