



Kim Ruse, CEO

Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

Kim has more than 20 years of experience in program, service and organizational innovation, evaluation and outcome management, and has her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Calgary with a clinical focus on domestic violence.

She has served many organizations at various program, executive, fundraising and leadership levels, including the Sheriff King Family Violence Prevention Centre, U Group Consulting and Aspen Family & Community Network Society. She has also taught at the University of Calgary in the Faculty of Continuing Education. Kim has consulted nationally on community engagement, assessment and planning and has presented nationally on program design, development, evaluation, clinical engagement and organizational development.

She has spent much of her career leading human service organizations in designing and delivering programs that meet real needs, focus on what matters, and are sustainable within the community. Kim has a clear eye for leveraging individual and organizational strengths to effect profound change. She is committed to developing and supporting excellence in improving social conditions and systems, and has a proven experience leading successful multi-stakeholder projects.

In the past six years as the CEO of the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, Kim has led the organization to develop and/or champion innovative violence prevention programs, such as the Calgary North East community development initiative and the Innovative Systems Response Project. She is a co-author of Shelter 2.0, a discussion paper on how to better enhance the impact of women's shelters to help end violence and serves as the co-chair of the Calgary Domestic Violence Collective (CDVC).

In 2011, Kim was honoured to be one of the winners of the McKillop award for commitment and contributions to the Calgary community. In 2017, she was awarded an Alberta Government Inspiration Award for Leadership in Family Violence Prevention, being recognized for her leadership with the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter becoming a Centre of Excellence and in the development of innovative violence prevention programs.