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What is CPANB?

The Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick was incorporated as a non-profit organization in October 1994. CPANB includes members of all ages and sectors including teachers, health promoters, community leaders, social development practitioners, police officers, social workers, lawyers and correctional officers who advocate and promote social development and personal safety for all New Brunswickers.

CPANB is a member of New Brunswick's Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety which supports the Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy.

CPANB seeks to help mobilize communities, promote effective crime prevention strategies, encourage collaboration, support Crime Prevention through social development, and reduce crime opportunities through public awareness and education.

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What's Happening Nationally?

Online Harms Act

Bill C-63, the [Online Harms Act](#), was recently proposed in Parliament to create a legal framework to reduce harm on the internet. Almost half of the harmful content that the bill targets is specific to children, relating to sexual exploitation, bullying, and self-harm.



The Act would also regulate social media operators through several duties of care, including the duty to act responsibly, and the duty to protect children. The Act comes at a time when online child sexual exploitation and abuse is rising in Canada and [New Brunswick](#). Data from [Cybertip.ca](#), indicates online sexual luring of Canadian children has increased by [815% in the last five years](#).

Teaching children how to be safe online is one way to protect them from harm on the internet. Learn more about [online safety here](#).

What's Happening Provincially?

Rent Bank

The GNB Rent Bank is a two-year program which offers applicants up to \$2,750 to help catch up on rent, essential utilities, or damage deposits to help NBers facing eviction. Individuals or families without children with a median income of less than \$50,500, or families with children whose income is less than \$85,000 are eligible for the grant.



Compared to the rising costs of housing, wages have remained relatively stagnant, which can result in increased debt, housing instability, poverty, and homelessness. Poverty does not cause crime, however there is a significant

relationship between socio-economic disadvantages and criminality. For example, [children born into low-income families](#) are more likely to become involved in criminality as they are more likely to face challenges that can impact their educational and social development. For more information on the Rent Bank grant or other affordable housing programs in New Brunswick, [click here](#).

What's Happening Locally?

Station8 Community Fridge

According to [Statistics Canada](#), New Brunswick is the second most food insecure province in the country. Research indicates a strong correlation between food insecurity and crime: [one study](#) found that a 1% increase in food insecurity can increase violent crime by 12%.

Seeing a need in their community, [Station8](#), in Dorchester, began an open-access Community Fridge in July 2022 to ensure that everyone in their community had access to free, healthy food.

The Community Fridge is run entirely by volunteers, and anyone can access food anonymously and at any time. To achieve their goal of food sovereignty and security in their region, Station8 also operates a school-based aquaponics lab, which produces dozens of plants each week and hundreds of fish per year.

They also offer a monthly Community Food Smart bulk purchasing program and Teaching Kitchen, a free program aimed at teaching attendees kitchen skills and how to maximize what's in their kitchens.



Are you interested in joining the **Love Shouldn't Hurt** campaign to end intimate partner violence in New Brunswick? [Learn more here.](#)



Do you have a submission?

Do you have a crime prevention initiative that you'd like to see featured here? Submissions can be emailed to jsprevention.jsprevention@gnb.ca
