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Sharing Information and Solutions

The National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV), on behalf of the federal Family Violence Initiative, provides resources for Canadians looking for information about family violence.

Twice a year, the NCFV publishes a newsletter, *Sharing Information and Solutions*, highlighting the most recent publications, videos, resources and services available through the National Clearinghouse.

For those of you who do much of your research through the web, we have included helpful links and information that can be accessed electronically, including the latest news on the Canadian Health Network (CHN). In addition, this issue highlights some of the recent Statistics Canada findings on spousal violence after marital separation, and presents Health Canada's Child Maltreatment Section in our regular segment "Focus on Resources".

We hope you find the material in this newsletter useful in your work or your personal life. All NCFV publications are available free of charge (unless otherwise indicated) by contacting the NCFV directly or by visiting our web site: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/nc-cn

If you know of anyone else who could benefit from this information, please encourage them to contact the NCFV to be placed on our mailing list.

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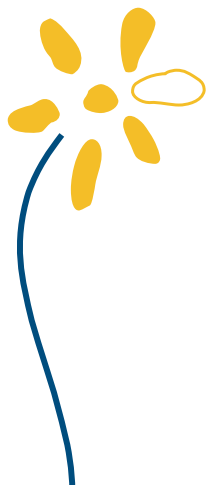
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Canadian Health Network (CHN)

The Canadian Health Network (CHN) is a national, bilingual Internet-based health information service. Through CHN, excellent resources from health information providers across Canada are made accessible to the Canadian public and health intermediaries. The CHN seeks to establish itself as Canadians' premier source of "health information you can trust".

CHN features 26 Health Centres focused on major health topics, including family violence. To date, there are links to more than 10,000 Internet-based resources on the CHN site. The CHN Subject Index includes over 1,000 terms pointing to information in these resources.

The National Clearinghouse on Family Violence, together with the British Columbia Institute against Family Violence (BCIFV) and Education Wife Assault (EWA), make up the violence prevention affiliate partners that constitute the CHN's Violence Prevention Centre. Please visit the web site at www.canadian-health-network.ca for more health-related information.

Focus on Resources: Child Maltreatment

Child maltreatment can be categorized into several broad types, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect/failure to provide, and emotional maltreatment.

In 1997, the Child Maltreatment Section (CMS) was formed as part of Health Canada's Health Surveillance and Epidemiology Division. Since its inception, CMS has been committed to developing a better understanding of the extent, dynamics, and risk factors of child abuse and neglect in Canada. CMS works with provincial and territorial governments, public health authorities, child welfare officials, Native child welfare organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic and research communities, and other departments and agencies of the federal government.

The goals of the Child Maltreatment Section are to

- ♦ support collection of data on the incidence of reported child abuse and neglect nation-wide;
- ♦ develop baseline information and monitor trends in the reporting of child maltreatment;
- ♦ foster a better understanding of the types and severity of child abuse and neglect;

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- RCMP
- Statistics Canada
- Status of Women Canada

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- ◆ share information on child maltreatment with other stakeholders; and
- ◆ identify areas for research and priorities for intervention.

The following publications have been produced by the Child Maltreatment Section and are available from the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence:

- ◆ **At a glance . . . The Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect** [cat: H72-1/2001E]
- ◆ **The Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect: Final Report** [cat: H49-151/2000E]
- ◆ **Child Abuse: Reporting and Classification in Health Care Settings** [cat: H49-123/1999E]
- ◆ **Child Maltreatment in Canada: Selected Results from the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect** [cat: H49-152/2000E]
- ◆ **Child Maltreatment Data Collection and Related Issues: Selected Bibliography** [cat: H49-110/1997E]
- ◆ **International Studies on the Incidence and Prevalence of Child Maltreatment: Selected Bibliography** [cat: H21-143/1998E]
- ◆ **A Selected, Annotated Bibliography of Child Maltreatment Reporting by Educational Professionals** [cat: H49-122/1999E]

For further information about publications and/or videos related to child maltreatment please contact the NCFV at 1-800-267-1291 or the Child Maltreatment Section at 613-941-5495

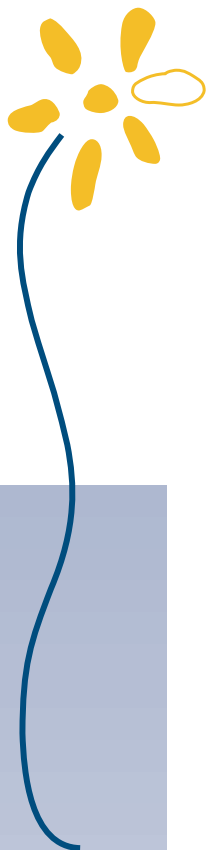
Spousal Violence After Marital Separation

A recent report by Statistics Canada investigated the prevalence, nature and severity of violence or threatening behaviour that occurs following the breakdown of a marital union. The report, *Spousal Violence After Marital Separation*¹, released in June 2001, examined data from the 1999 General Social Survey on Victimization, the 1993 Violence Against Women Survey (VAWS), the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR2) Survey and the Homicide Survey.

Highlights of the report include the following:

- ◆ According to the 1999 General Social Survey on Victimization, 28% of women and 22% of men who had been in contact with a previous spouse in the five years before the survey had experienced some type of violence by their partner, either while living together or after separation.
- ◆ Marital separation does not necessarily mark the end of a violent relationship. Forty percent of women and 32% of men with a former violent marriage or common-law relationship reported that violence occurred after the couple had separated.

1. Hotton, Tina. *Spousal Violence After Marital Separation* in *Juristat*, (2001) 21: 7 Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (Cat.# 85-002).



- ♦ Most of those who reported violence after separation stated that the assaults became more severe or began after separation. In 37% of cases the assaults did not increase in severity, in 24% the violence became more serious, and in 39% of cases the violence first began after the separation.
- ♦ Both women and men were more likely to have contact with the police when violence occurred after separation than in other cases of spousal violence, but men were only about half as likely as women to report these incidents to the police (55% of women compared with 30% of men).
- ♦ Women have a heightened risk of homicide after marital separation. Between 1991 and 1999, separated women were killed by estranged partners at a rate of 39 per million couples. In comparison, an average of 26 women per million couples were killed by current common-law partners, and 5 women per million couples were killed by current husbands. The risk of spousal homicide was lower on average for men, and men were at greater risk of homicide by a current common-law spouse than an ex-spouse. An average of 12 men per million couples were killed by a current common-law partner, 2 men per million couples were killed by an ex-partner, and 1 man per million couples was killed by a current marital partner.
- ♦ Men who killed an ex-partner were most often motivated by jealousy (44%), whereas arguments or quarrels (41%) most frequently motivated women.

For more information, contact Information and Client Services,
Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada
(1-800-387-2231 or 613-951-9023).

New Publications

Catalogues

- ♦ H72-21/25-2002 UPDATED 2002, 20 p.
Preventing Family Violence: A Catalogue of Canadian Videos on Family Violence for the General Public and for Professionals Working in the Field (Eleventh edition) by the NCFV. This latest edition is a complete, annotated guide to Canadian videos that address family violence. The videos cover issues of woman abuse, child abuse, child sexual abuse, abuse of older adults and general family violence. Information on how to borrow or purchase videos is available with each description. The catalogue is an excellent resource for both home use and for organizations, where videos can be used as educational and informational tools to address violence within the family.

Fact Sheets and Booklets

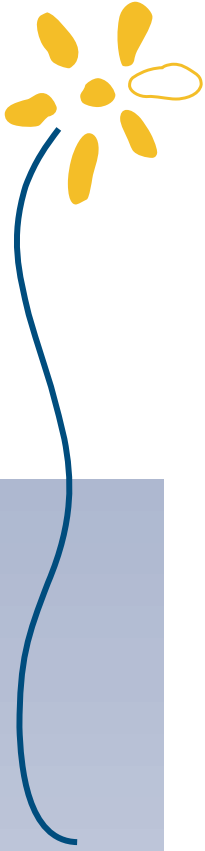
- ♦ H72-22/4-2002E UPDATED 2002, 24 p.
Woman Abuse – Fact Sheet by Liz Hart and Wanda Jamieson. This fact sheet is intended to provide a general introduction to the issue of woman abuse in Canada. It provides a brief description of the issue, highlights common causes and consequences, and outlines barriers that women experience when they disclose abuse and seek support. The fact sheet also includes sections on how to support a woman who has been abused, and how and where an abused woman can get help.

Handbooks and Reports

- ◆ H64-17/1999E UPDATED 2001, 118 p.
Child and Family Services Statistical Report, 1996-97 to 1998-99 by Information Child and Family Services. In this third edition, the report is organized by province/territory and presents statistical data on child welfare services, in particular the services provided to children in care.
- ◆ RH4-17/2000E UPDATED 2002, 220 p.
Child Welfare in Canada 2000: the Role of Provincial and Territorial Authorities in the Provision of Child Protection Services by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Child and Family Services Information. As an expanded update of the 1994 edition, this report outlines the roles and responsibilities of provincial/territorial child welfare authorities in the provision of child protection and preventive/support services. It also describes the structures, tools, resources and policies used by child welfare authorities to fulfill responsibilities assumed under provincial and territorial legislation.
- ◆ H39-262/2001E UPDATED 2002, 102 p.
Community Awareness and Response: Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults by Dianne Kinnon. As an update of the original 1992 publication, this document includes discussion of current knowledge, emerging trends and issues, and up-to-date information on resources and initiatives across Canada. Also included in the publication is a detailed example of a community approach to addressing the issue of abuse and neglect of older adults. This introductory guide is intended to stimulate discussion and action at the community level.
- ◆ 85-224-XIE UPDATED 2002, 53 p.
Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile, 2002 by Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada. This is the fifth annual *Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile*. This annual report provides current data on the nature and extent of family violence in Canada and trends over time. Each year, the report has a different focus. This year, the focus is on the impacts and consequences of family violence, including the consequences of spousal violence, violence against older adults and violence against children and youth.

Directories

- ◆ H72-21/107-2002 UPDATED 2002, 37 p.
Canada's Treatment Programs for Men Who Abuse Their Partners by the NCFV. This 2002 directory lists treatment programs from across Canada, grouped by province or territory. Each organization is listed with a brief description of its services and current contact information. Where applicable, the description indicates referral requirements, relevant fees and whether services are available in English, French or another language.
- ◆ H72-21/138-2002 UPDATED 2002, 66 p.
Combining Voices: A Directory of Services for Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse by the NCFV. This 2002 directory includes organizations from across Canada that provide services for men, women and/or children. The directory is organized by province or territory, and each listing contains a brief description of the services as well as current contact information. Where possible, the description indicates the population group the organization works with, relevant fees, and whether service is available in English and/or French.
- ◆ H72-21/170-2002 UPDATED 2002, 54 p.
Directory of Services and Programs Addressing the Needs of Older Adult Victims of Violence in Canada by the NCFV. This 2002 directory lists services and programs from across Canada, grouped by province or territory. Each organization is listed with a brief description of the services, type of organization (i.e., long term care facility) and contact information. Where possible the description indicates whether services are available in English and/or French.



- ♦ H72-21/182-2001 NEW 2002, 51 p.
A National Directory of Services and Programs for Men Who Are or Have Been Victims of Violence by the NCFV. This 2002 directory lists programs and services from across Canada, grouped by province and territory. Each organization is listed with a brief description of services available as well as current contact information. Where possible, the description identifies the type of service provided, limitations, relevant fees and whether services are available in English and/or French.
- ♦ H72-21/32-2002 UPDATED 2002, 45 p.
National Inventory of Treatment Programs for Child Sexual Abuse Offenders by the NCFV. In this 2002 directory, treatment programs from across Canada are grouped by province and territory with a brief description of services and current contact information. Where applicable, the description indicates referral requirements, relevant fees and whether services are available in English and/or French.
- ♦ H72-21/18-2002 UPDATED 2002, 68 p.
Transition Houses and Shelters for Abused Women in Canada by the NCFV. This 2002 directory lists programs and services from across Canada, grouped by province and territory. Each organization is listed with a brief description of the type of facility or service (i.e., transition housing, second stage housing, other) as well as contact information and relevant fees. Where possible, the description indicates whether the facility can accommodate women with special needs and/or children and whether services are available in English and/or French.

New Videos

In collaboration with the National Film Board (NFB) of Canada, the NCFV maintains a collection of videos that address child abuse, child sexual abuse, woman abuse and the abuse of older adults. This video collection is available through NFB partner public libraries across the country.

To obtain a complete list of NCFV videos please contact the NCFV and request **Preventing Family Violence: A Catalogue of Canadian Videos on Family Violence for the General Public and for Professionals Working in the Field.** [cat: H72-21/23-2002]

The following is a list of some recent additions to the collection.

- ♦ **BEYOND: Surviving the Reality of Sexual Assault**
This docu-drama clarifies the details that often surround acquaintance rape, in particular, the repercussions for the parties involved. The program follows the participants from their initial meeting, through the assault, and the medical, forensic, police and court proceedings that follow. Viewers are also shown the victim's process of healing as it takes place through counselling and group support and discussion. This video does an excellent job of informing audiences of the adverse and unforeseen consequences of sexual assault, for both victim and perpetrator.
- 2000, 27 minutes, 9100 154, VHS CC
Purchase inquiries: Kinetic Video
Tel: (416) 538-9984
Web site: www.kineticvideo.com

♦ **Bully Dance**

Bully Dance is a lively, animated film designed to explore issues of conflict and dispute resolution. In *Bully Dance*, a community is disrupted when a bully victimizes a smaller member of the group. Eventually, the whole community becomes involved in dealing with the bully, who is himself a victim at home. Issues of peer pressure, accountability and imbalance of power are explored in a story that deals with a sensitive and pervasive problem.

2000, 10 minutes, 0000 026, VHS
Purchase inquiries: National Film Board of Canada
Tel: 1-800-267-7710
Web site: www.nfb.ca

♦ **Hollow Water**

Hollow Water is a candid and touching documentary that takes us into the isolated Ojibway village of Hollow Water, located in Northern Manitoba. The community has had a history of violence, suicide, addiction problems and sexual abuse, but the residents of Hollow Water have taken healing into their own hands and launched a profoundly transformative process of restorative justice. *Hollow Water* follows the journey of one family that participates in the healing circle to confront its past. This story of hope is a testament to one community's ability to change and heal.

2000, 48 minutes, 9100 013, VHS CC
Purchase inquiries: National Film Board of Canada
Tel: 1-800-267-7710
Web site: www.nfb.ca

♦ **Out From Abuse**

Older Women's Long-term Survival of Calgary (OWLS), one of the most long-standing support programs for older women survivors of abuse, has recently produced a resource package to heighten awareness about the impact of abuse in the lives of older women. This resource package will help address the impact of domestic violence on the quality of life of older women and assist service providers to respond more sensitively and proactively.

1999, 50 minutes, 115C 0100 164, VHS
Purchase inquiries: Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter
Tel: (403) 255-2912

Are you organizing a conference that will address issues related to family violence? If you would like to order publications to distribute at this conference, log on to www.hc-sc.gc.ca/nc-cn and send us an e-mail telling us about the conference, the publications you are interested in and how many copies you would like to have. We will try our best to support your efforts to raise awareness about family violence. Keep in mind that our resources are not limitless so we may not be able to accommodate all requests.



New to the NCFV Reference Collection

The NCFV maintains a comprehensive reference collection, housed in the Health Canada departmental library. This collection contains over 10,000 family violence related resources available through interlibrary loan from your local public, academic or institutional library. If you are looking for information on family violence please log on to the NCFV web page and click the link to the library to search this extensive collection.

The following represent some of the latest additions:

- ♦ **Are You Losing Control? The Common Sense Guide to Parenting Teens**, by Carolyn Bergmann. North Delta, BC: Crackling Communications, 2000 [cat: ncfv/HQ799.15/B499/2000].
- ♦ **Ending Spouse/Partner Abuse: A Psychoeducational Approach for Individuals and Couples**, by Robert Geffner and Carol M. Mantooth. New York: Springer, 2000 [cat: ncfv/RC569.5.F3/G299/2000].
- ♦ **A Feather, Not a Gavel: Working Towards Aboriginal Justice**, by Alvin C. Hamilton. Winnipeg: Great Plains Publications, 2001 [cat: ncfv/KE7709.2/H217/2001].
- ♦ **Intersecting Inequalities: Immigrant Women of Color, Violence and Health Care**, by Yasmin Jiwani. Vancouver: FREDA, 2001 [cat: ncfv/HV6626.23/.C2/J61/2001].
- ♦ **Orientation to Disability for Crisis Service Providers**, by Kelli Moorey. Calgary: Independent Living Resource Centre of Calgary, 2001 [cat: ncfv/HV1569.3/.W65/M825/2001].
- ♦ **Stopping Child Maltreatment Before it Starts**, by Neil B. Guterman. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2000 [cat: ncfv/HV6626.52/G983/2000].

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The NCFV web site also has a listing of upcoming conferences and links to other organizations and services that address the issue of family violence. Please visit and bookmark our web site for future reference.

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