

Sharing Information and Solutions

A Newsletter from the **National Clearinghouse on Family Violence**
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Introducing the third issue of the NCFV newsletter! This issue is bursting with new resources - including free publications, available videos, conference information, and Web links. In addition, based on consultations and your feedback, we have revamped the layout of the newsletter.

The response to our last issue was extremely positive. As always, to serve as many Canadians as possible, we ask that you prioritize your order for publications to no more than 10 different titles (maximum of 2

copies of each). Of course, you may download unlimited publications from our Web site and can call our FaxLink system (fact sheets, list of publications and videos) as often as you wish.

Sharing Information and Solutions is published bi-annually by the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence, Health Canada. This newsletter is available *free of charge* to all Canadians. Do you know of an organization that you think should receive our newsletter? Let us know.

“The NCFV provides a vital role in public education and is a critical federal resource to all Canadians.”

- NCFV client

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Our Web site

More and more NCFV clients are accessing the NCFV Web site for current information on family violence prevention and treatment in Canada. In recognition of this fact, the NCFV has been working hard to ensure that online clients have timely access to our resources. Since the last issue of *Sharing Information and Solutions* we have added another 35 publications to the NCFV Web site. Eleven documents have been added to the **Violence Against Women** section; eight to **Child Sexual Abuse**; seven to **Child Abuse** and

Neglect; six to **Abuse of Older Adults**; and three to the general **Family Violence** section.

We are hopeful that these new additions, as well as our previous resources will help you to address the fundamental issues surrounding family violence in your community.

In 1999, 88,268 users logged on to the NCFV Web site and spent an average of 12 minutes surfing our site.

Log On!!

To address the long-term goal of reducing the occurrence of family violence in Canada, the federal government funds the Family Violence Initiative (FVI). Below you will find a brief description of federal partners addressing family violence as well as their corresponding Web addresses.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca delivers the Shelter Enhancement Initiative and in certain circumstances provides capital funding for new emergency shelters and second stage housing

Citizenship and Immigration Canada

www.cic.gc.ca promotes awareness of family violence issues through citizenship and immigration policies and programs

Correctional Service of Canada

www.csc-scc.gc.ca addresses offender family violence issues through research, treatment programs and staff training

Department of Canadian Heritage

www.pch.gc.ca supports prevention projects for Aboriginal women off-reserve, prevention activities for non English/French speaking Canadians, works to reduce media violence, and conducts research and evaluation

Department of Justice Canada

www.canada.justice.gc.ca reviews, researches and reforms criminal legislation and policy, funds community-based family violence projects and provides public legal education and information support on family violence issues

Department of National Defence

www.dnd.ca conducts awareness and education training for DND and Canadian Forces personnel, provides support, counselling and referral services for members and families who are family violence victims

Health Canada

www.hc-sc.gc.ca researches the population health consequences of family violence, develops resources and promotes policies, programs and projects that contribute to family violence prevention, coordinates the FVI, operates the NCFV

Human Resources Development Canada

www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca collects and disseminates family violence information related to social policy

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada

www.inac.gc.ca funds First Nations' community-based projects on family violence, emergency shelters and community projects on prevention, intervention, treatment and research

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca supports community-based workshops on victims' issues, sexual assault, and relationship violence and assists communities in using problem-solving approaches to family violence

Statistics Canada

www.statcan.ca works to improve the availability of national level data on the nature and extent of family violence

Status of Women Canada

www.swc-cfc.gc.ca supports initiatives that lead to systemic changes and alternatives, undertakes long-term prevention strategies

New Publications

Fact Sheets

✱ **Abuse of Older Adults in Institutions Fact Sheet** by *Irene Ens*, 1998. This fact sheet provides an overview of the available information on abuse and neglect of older adults living in institutions including, definitions, statistics, signs of abuse, prevention, reporting and suggested resources.

✱ **Financial Abuse of Older Adults - Fact Sheet** by *Teresa Lukawiecki*, 1998. This revised comprehensive fact sheet provides information on definitions, statistics, detection and indicators, and prevention and intervention for older adults, family and friends, service providers, financial institutions and communities.

Inventories

✱ **Annotated Inventory of Research Reports Completed Through the Five Research Centres on Family Violence and Violence Against Women and Children** by *Teresa Lukawiecki*, 1999. This annotated inventory of 87 research reports provides a ready resource to share practical, action-oriented research information that examines a full range of issues related to the understanding, treatment and prevention of family violence.

✱ **Child Abuse Prevention Resources Developed through the Family Violence Initiative (1991-1996)**, by *Catherine Ryerse*, 1999. This handbook provides a range of child abuse prevention resources. The handbook focuses on 18 initiatives and activities proven to be among the most popular and effective in child abuse prevention.

Handbooks

✱ **A Handbook Dealing with Woman Abuse and the Canadian Criminal Justice System: Guidelines for Physicians** by *Lorraine Ferris, Asifa Nurani and Laura Silver*, 1999. This handbook examines the issue of woman abuse, particularly as it pertains to the interaction of physicians with the Canadian criminal justice system. Each of the sixteen chapters provides clinical practice points, background information and clinical recommendations.

✱ **A Handbook for Health and Social Services Professionals Responding to Abuse During Pregnancy** by *Wanda Jamieson and Liz Hart*, 1999. This handbook is an educational resource for health and social service professionals who provide services to pregnant women. It will help professionals identify and respond appropriately to the needs of women who are abused during pregnancy.

✱ **A Handbook for Health and Social Service Providers and Educators on Children Exposed to Woman Abuse/Family Violence** by *Marlies Sudermann and Peter Jaffe*, 1999. This practical handbook covers many issues that surround the issue of children exposed to family violence from prevalence and consequences of exposure to violence on children, to contemporary issues of child custody and access, community coordination, and accountability.

✱ **Abuse in Lesbian Relationships: Information and Resources** by *Laurie Chesley, Donna MacAulay and Janice Ristock*, 1999. This document provides preliminary guidelines and concrete steps for responding to incidents of lesbian abuse. It discusses the diversity of issues involved and the need for resources to address these concerns. This document will be of value to lesbians who have been in an abusive relationship, for friends and families, for lesbian organizations and for those who work in the area of violence against women.

Reports and Discussion Papers

✱ **Two Steps Forward... One Step Back, an overview of Canadian initiatives and resources to end woman abuse (1989-1991)** by *Donna Denham and Joan Gillespie*, 1999. This handbook is designed to introduce the issue of violence against women. It discusses the progress that has been achieved to prevent and respond to woman abuse and links readers to quality resources that provide more in-depth discussion on specific aspects of the issues discussed.

✱ **Democratizing Excellence: The Experience of the Research Centres on Family Violence and Violence Against Women** by the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council*, 1999. This discussion paper synthesizes the experience of the five Research Centres on Family Violence and Violence against Women that were established in 1991. The focus of this paper is on the lessons that have been learned from establishing these centres.

Booklets

✱ **Family Group Decision Making: Communities Stopping Family Violence - Questions and Answers** by *Joan Pennell and Gale Burford*, 1998. This booklet describes the process of utilizing the family group decision making approach to address problems of abuse and neglect in the family. This approach encourages the family, together with their relatives, friends and other close supports, to develop workable solutions.

Call the NCFV to request the resources that are of interest to you.

Focus on Resources - Children Exposed to Violence

Fact: Children witnessed violence against their mothers in almost 40% of violent marriages; in many cases the violence was so severe that the women feared for their lives (52%) and/or were injured (61%).

Fact: 21% of Canadian women abused by a marital or common-law partner were assaulted during pregnancy; in 40% of these cases, the abuse began during pregnancy.

Publications

* *A Handbook for Health and Social Service Providers and Educators on Children Exposed to Woman Abuse/Family Violence* by Marlies Sudermann and Peter Jaffe, 1999.

* *Wife Abuse - The Impact on Children - Fact Sheet* by Marlies Sudermann, Peter Jaffe and Lynn Watson, 1996.

The consequences of children's exposure to woman abuse can be devastating; putting a child at risk for developing future behavioural, emotional, social, health and academic problems.

You can make a difference! Through accessing the following **free** publications, you and your community can learn more about how to prevent, identify and treat children who are exposed to family violence.

* *Two Steps Forward... One Step Back, an overview of Canadian initiatives and resources to end woman abuse (1989-1997)*, by Donna Denham and Joan Gillespie, 1999.

* *A Handbook for Health and Social Service Professionals Responding to Abuse During Pregnancy* by Jamieson, Beals, Lalonde and Associates, Inc., 1999.

Videos

The Children's Voice	V.O.I.C.E. Film Productions. Tel: (416) 656-4949
Black-Eyed Susan	Sneyd Syndicate Inc. Tel: 1-800-573-5889
Make a Difference: How to Respond to Child Witnesses of Woman Abuse	Majic Lantern Communications Ltd. Tel: 1-800-263-1717
Seen... But Not Heard: A Docu-Drama About the Serious Emotional and Physical Effects on Children Who Witness Their Mother Being Abuse	Kineticvideo.com. Tel: 1-800-263-6910
Violence Against Women "Breaking the Silence"	Friday Communications Inc. Tel: (604) 986-0252

To borrow; contact your public library - **To purchase;** contact distributor above

New to the Library

* Ascione, Frank R. and Phil Arkow. *Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse: Linking the Circles of Compassion for Prevention and Intervention*. West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 1999.

* Ryerse, Catherine. *Safeguarding Children and Foster Families: Facilitator's guides 1, 2, and 3*. Ottawa: Canadian Foster Family Association, 1999.

* Campbell, Jacquelyn C. (Ed.) *Empowering Survivors of Abuse: Health Care for Battered Women and Their Children*. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1998.

* Pritchard, Jacki. *Elder Abuse Work: Best Practice in Britain and Canada*. Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 1999.

* Toronto Task Force on Community Safety. *Toronto, My City, A Safe City: A Community Safety Strategy for the City of Toronto*. Toronto: City of Toronto, 1999.

Access our complete online library collection at www.ils.ca/hc/. Contact your library to borrow items through an interlibrary loan.

New Videos

Videos are a popular and effective public education tool and can be easily incorporated into workshops, courses, training and educational sessions. Videos can help break the ice and can lead groups into intense, informative and productive discussions.

The following new videos are now available to borrow through one of **38 National Film Board Partner Public Libraries** or can be purchased through the **distributor**. Issues addressed include:

- Violence against women
- Dating violence
- Violence against women with disabilities
- Financial abuse of older adults

Contact the NCFV for further information and be sure to ask for a copy of **"Preventing Family Violence - A Catalogue of Canadian Videos on Family Violence for the General Public and for Professionals Working in the Field"**

✱ The video **Violence Against Women "Breaking the Silence"**, produced by *Keri Nelson and Floyd Lansing*, 1995, contains stories of hope for women who are in violent relationships and provides practical and valuable information on how to leave an abusive partner. Hosted by an RCMP constable, *Breaking the Silence* also provides advice and understanding to people who know of, or witness domestic violence, and offers help for abusers. The video focuses on the secrecy surrounding domestic violence, urging individuals and the community to speak out and 'break the silence'.

Distributor: Friday Communications Inc.
Tel: (604) 986-0252; Fax: (604) 986-0277;
E-mail: keri@crimebusters.com;
Web site: www.crimebusters.com.

✱ **Money Matters for Seniors**, produced by *The May Street Group*, 1998, is a discussion starter portraying six seniors whose financial independence is at risk from someone close to them. In each case, a staff person from a financial institution offers respectful support, limiting the opportunity of the potential financial abuser. This video challenges seniors and personnel of financial institutions to work together to maintain seniors' financial independence. Recommended for seniors' groups; a comprehensive manual and a facilitator's guide accompany the video.

Distributor: BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors. Tel: (604) 521-1235; Fax: (604) 515-0201.

✱ The video **Safety for You**, produced by *Louise Ford*, 1997, provides a detailed explanation of community services available to Kelsey, a deaf/hearing impaired woman, who is seeking safety from family violence. This video addresses violence in lesbian relationships as well as violence against women with disabilities. The video provides a dramatization of an abusive relationship between two women with hearing

impairments and details the possible steps that could follow, including contacting the police, finding a shelter, and beginning to regain a sense of self and security. The video uses American Sign Language with English voiceover and captions.

Distributor: Ottawa Deaf Centre.
Tel: (613) 729-1467; Fax: (613) 729-5167;
TTY: (613) 729-6189; E-mail: crchi@iosphere.net.

✱ The youth-oriented video **You Oughta Know: Teens Talking about Dating and Abuse**, produced by *Carol Hanley*, 1997, uses "spoken-word poetry" and real-life stories told by teens to provide accurate accounts of their own experiences with dating abuse. Interviews with and discussions between teens about dating and relationships offer a glimpse of their ideas, misconceptions, and realizations. This film helps young people recognize and challenge unacceptable attitudes and behaviour and define healthy relationships between the sexes.

Distributor: Kineticvideo.com. Toll-free: 1-800-263-6910; Fax: (416) 538-9984;
E-mail: info@kineticvideo.com;
Web site: www.kineticvideo.com.

✱ **You Can't Beat a Woman!**, produced by *Gail Singer and Joe MacDonald*, 1997, is an unconventional exploration of violence against women. This video is a journey in and out of the lives of heroic women around the world. The video moves from Canada to Russia, South Africa, Israel, Japan and Chile to illustrate the phenomenon of violence against women and uses '70s footage, montage, intimate observation and dry wit to explore the question, "Why does this phenomenon exist?"

Distributor: National Film Board of Canada.
Toll-free: 1-800-267-7710; Tel: (514) 283-9000;
Fax: (514) 283-7564; Web site: www.nfb.ca.

NCFV Directories

We are pleased to announce the launch of our series of 5 national directories listing information on family violence community programs and services. This is a series of practical, hands-on resources which can be used to:

- refer clients directly to services across Canada;
- network and link to others working in your field;
- and learn more about the many invaluable services provided in Canada.

✧ **Directory of Services and Programs Addressing the Needs of Older Adult Victims of Violence in Canada (1999)** This new directory describes current services for older adult victims of violence in Canada. Two hundred and eighty programs and services are listed by province from the east coast to the west coast. The programs and services are categorized by organization and service type. The resource is designed to identify and link readers to resources that address the abuse and neglect of older adults.

✧ **National Inventory of Treatment Programs for Child Sexual Abuse Offenders (1999)** Revised in 1999, this inventory lists 211 child sexual abuse treatment programs in Canada by province and city. Each description includes the referral source, target group, and contact information.

✧ **Combining Voices: Directory of Services for Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse (1999)**. This updated directory provides a descriptive listing of 400 Canadian programs available for adult survivors of sexual abuse. The directory includes detailed information on the sponsoring organization, hours of service, client services and cost.

✧ **Transition Houses and Shelters for Abused Women in Canada (1999)** This document provides an updated listing of the 465 transition houses and shelters in Canada. Transition houses and shelters are listed by province with information on addresses (where appropriate) and phone numbers, emergency shelters, second-stage housing and safe home networks.

✧ **Canada's Treatment Programs for Men who Abuse Their Partners (1999)** This updated inventory describes 205 current treatment programs across Canada for men who abuse their partners. The programs are listed by province and territory. The inventory includes information on referral requirements, fees and the affiliated or sponsoring agency. In addition, most descriptions provide a contact address and telephone number.

To be included in future updates of the above listings, please fax the NCFV a detailed description of your program and full contact information to **(613) 941-8930**.

Conferences

May 1-3, 2000

Integrated Children's Conference

International Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies,
Sandra Gillis, e-mail: communications@oacas.org.

May 4-6, 2000

From Answers to action 2000: Healing sexual exploitation and prostitution

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Grant MacEwan Community College.
Tel: (780) 497-5717.

May 28-30, 2000

Charting the Course for Literacy and Health in the New Millennium

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Canadian Public Health Association
Tel: (613) 725-3769; Fax: (613) 725-9826;
e-mail: conferences@cpha.ca;
Web site: www.nald.ca/nlhp.htm.

June 1-3, 2000

The 10 International Nursing Conference on Ending Violence Against Women: Setting the Agenda for the Next Millennium

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
The University of British Columbia, Elaine Liau.
Tel: (604) 822-4965; Fax: (604) 822-4835.

June 14-18, 2000

Beyond 2000 - Healthy Tomorrows for Children and Youth

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Canadian Pediatric Society, Jackie Millette.
Tel: (613) 526-9397 x.228; Fax: (613) 526-3332;
e-mail: meetings@cps.ca;
Web site: www.cps.ca.

Contact the NCFV for a FREE copy of our conference listing.

News from the Child Maltreatment Division

The goal of Health Canada's Child Maltreatment Division (CMD) is to provide accurate and reliable information on the extent and dynamics of child abuse and to help improve our understanding of the risk factors for child abuse in Canada. Through data collection and analysis activities, CMD is aiming to increase public awareness of the problem of child abuse and neglect, improve professionals' understanding and knowledge about child abuse, strengthen the evidence on which programs can be planned and resources targeted, offer scientifically sound research for policy development, and support the efforts of child advocacy groups by documenting the extent of the problem.

One of the division's key activities is the *Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect* - which examined reported cases of abuse and neglect across the country. The results will be available in late Spring/early Summer 2000 in 2 formats: the "technical report" will present the descriptive data and study methodology; while the "popular document" will present the results in more accessible language and style.

The Division is also involved in the development of a *Conceptual Framework on Child Maltreatment Surveillance* which will help guide the development of a national surveillance capacity on child maltreatment.

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

- * *Child Maltreatment Data Collection and Related Issues: Selected Bibliography* contains abstracts of articles published internationally, where the main focus is child maltreatment research.
- * *International Studies on the Incidence and Prevalence of Child Maltreatment: Selected Bibliography* contains international article abstracts of incidence and prevalence studies, technical reports and selected information about secondary analysis, summarized in tables.
- * *A Selected, Annotated Bibliography of Child Maltreatment Reporting by Educational Professionals* provides an overview of the current knowledge and issues concerning the identification and reporting of child abuse in educational settings.
- * *Child Abuse: Reporting and Classification in Health Care Settings* provides an overview of the current knowledge and issues concerning the identification and reporting of child abuse in selected health care settings in Canada.

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We All Have a Responsibility to Family Violence

For information on addressing family violence
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