

Newsletter

Sharing Information and Solutions

A Newsletter from the **National Clearinghouse on Family Violence**
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As a new season begins, we are happy to present the fourth issue of *Sharing Information and Solutions*, the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence newsletter. In this issue, you'll find a fresh list of the newest resources being used to address family violence, from publications and videos to upcoming conferences. We've also included a new tear out fact sheet on the costs of violence in Canada and, in the spirit of partnership, have featured informative articles from one of our federal partners and other colleagues in the field.

With the start of a new year, we all have the opportunity to enhance our knowledge, access new resources and discover what our

colleagues are doing to reduce the occurrence of family violence in Canada. We hope this newsletter provides a useful starting point.

We would love to hear your feedback and comments on our newsletter. Write, fax or send us an e-mail!

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Our Web site

The NCFV Web site is an exceptional resource for your information needs. All of our material is available online and free of charge. Visit our site and browse through hundreds of resources categorized by subject to help facilitate navigation. It's as simple as clicking on a link! Save time and energy by printing out resources and putting them to use by developing workshops, information sessions, community projects or awareness building campaigns.

Are you looking for other organizations working to reduce family violence? Check out our extensive links page. We've organized it by sector (local, provincial, national, international) in an effort to help you locate valuable information.

New Features to the NCFV site

In the past few months we have unveiled 3 new features. They include an automated rotating banner showcasing our most popular tools, an improved links submission form and a redesign to the layout of our new publications. The rotating banner provides our visitors with ready access to other interesting and useful sections that our site boasts. These include products such as our order form, NCFV links and submission area and library search tools. The improved links submission form provides a more user-friendly method of suggesting a site, while the redesign of our most current publications enables a more intuitive and efficient way of navigating through our resources.

The NCFV Web site is continually improving... don't forget to **bookmark** our site!

Shelter Enhancement Program

For many people, Canada's transition houses and shelters represent their only safe refuge from violence within the home. Canada's 465-plus shelters, from transition homes to second stage housing, offer safety and security to those in need. As part of the broader Family Violence Initiative, the federal government has recognized this need by introducing the Shelter Enhancement Program (SEP). The SEP funds repairs and modifications to existing shelters and second stage housing for women, children and youth who are victims of family violence, and also aids in the acquisition or construction of new shelters and second stage housing where needed.

Available in all areas of Canada, the program serves non-profit corporations or charities that house women and children or youth who are victims of family violence.

As funding is limited to capital assistance, sponsor groups must obtain the assurance of operating assistance for emergency shelters. For second stage housing, occupants are expected to make modest contributions to offset the project's operating costs. The assistance is in the form of a fully forgivable loan which does not have to be repaid provided the owner adheres to the conditions of the program.

Eligible repairs are those required to bring existing emergency shelters and second stage housing up to minimum levels of health and safety, to permit accessibility for disabled occupants, to provide adequate and safe program and play areas for children and to ensure an appropriate level of security for the occupants. New projects being developed should be modest and reflect the actual needs of the client. The most cost-effective and appropriate projects will be selected.

In some areas of the country, funding for this program is provided jointly by the Government of Canada and the provincial or territorial government. In these areas, the provincial or territorial housing agency may be responsible for delivery of the program. Program variations may also exist in these jurisdictions.

To obtain more information about this program, or to find out how to apply for financial assistance, please contact your nearest Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation office. You may also call the Canadian Housing Information Centre at 1-800-668-2642 or visit their Web site at www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca

New Publications

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

Fact Sheets

✱ **Self-Neglect by Older Adults - fact sheet** by *Michael MacLean*, 1999. This fact sheet describes available information on self-neglect of older adults. It provides an overview of detection, legal implications, prevention, intervention and suggested resources. This fact sheet will be of interest to older adults and their families, service providers, community groups and policy makers.

Inventories

✱ **Prevention of the Abuse of Seniors - Canadian Training Guides** by *Kelly Gorkoff, Jocelyn Proulx and Brenda Comaskey*, 1998. The purpose of this inventory is to provide an overview of the resources currently used in Canada to train health care professionals and front line workers in the detection, intervention and prevention of abuse of older adults. This inventory provides descriptions of training resource manuals currently available in the field in each province. The inventory provides program descriptions, access information and evaluation outcomes, where available, and recommendations for dissemination and evaluation. This resource will be helpful to trainers and health care professionals working with older adults.

✱ **Publications Catalogue 2000**, by the *National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV)*, 2000. This newly updated publications catalogue provides a brief description for each publication available through the NCFV. Since the last edition, more than 30 new or updated publications have been added to the catalogue. Listed under their corresponding subject: nine on child abuse and neglect; three on child sexual abuse; eight on wife abuse/violence against women; five on abuse of older adults; and nine under general family violence.

✱ **Preventing Family Violence: A Catalogue of Canadian Videos on Family Violence - 9th edition**, by the *National Clearinghouse on Family Violence*, 2000. Compiled by the NCFV, this catalogue is an up-to-date guide to Canadian videos addressing family violence. This ninth edition includes new videos on child abuse, child sexual abuse, woman abuse and abuse of older adults.

Reports and Discussion Papers

✱ **Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults: A discussion paper**, by *L. McDonald and A. Collins*, 1998. This discussion paper provides an overview of the last decade of developments on the issue of the abuse and

neglect of older adults. Existing problems in defining abuse and neglect, lack of consistency in recording incidence and prevalence, lack of progress on the theoretical front, the related problem of identifying risk factors are discussed. Changes in adult protection legislation, along with advances in the creation of protocols for detection, intervention and programming, are described. An extensive bibliography is also attached. This discussion paper will be of interest to practitioners, researchers, and policy-makers working with older adults.

✱ **Addressing the Needs of Developmentally Delayed Sex Offenders: A Guide** by *Judy Tudiver, Shirley Broekstra, Sheena Josselyn and Howard Barbaree*, 1998. The main goals of this discussion paper are: to obtain a better understanding of developmentally delayed sex offenders by providing a conceptual framework; to provide a literature review; to provide profiles of developmentally delayed individuals and the types of offenses they may commit; to describe clinical practice guidelines for assessment and treatment; and to explore the role of the criminal justice system in working with this population. This discussion paper will be of interest to individuals who work with developmentally delayed persons, including mental health professionals, lawyers, police, court officials, child welfare workers, clients, and client family members.

✱ **Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile**, edited by *Valerie Pottie Bunge and Daisy Locke*, 2000. This report provides a general overview of the most recent statistics and information available on the abuse of spouses, children and older adults. The report will be of special interest to researchers, service providers and policy makers.

Booklets

✱ **Counselling Programs for Men Who Are Violent in Relationships: Questions and Answers for Practitioners in the Health, Social Services and Criminal Justice Systems** by *Dale Trimble*, 2000. This booklet contains information regarding effective intervention with assaultive men that is useful for professional and lay counsellors working with victims and perpetrators of violence in the home. Highlights include: background information on violence against women; an overview of the major theories relevant to counselling abusive men; what to look for and what to avoid in seeking qualified counselling for men; and a summary of research findings on the effectiveness of programs.

Focus on Resources - Abuse of Older Adults

Fact: Seven per cent of older adults report experiencing some form of emotional or financial abuse by a child, caregiver or spouse.

Fact: Canadian studies have found that financial abuse is the most commonly reported form of abuse experienced by older people.

In the past, abuse of older adults was often attributed to the stress felt by the caregiver for the older adult.

Publications

* *Self-Neglect by Older Adults* - Fact Sheet by Michael MacLean, 1999.

* *Directory of Services and Programs Addressing the Needs of Older Adult Victims of Violence in Canada* by the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCVF), 1999.

Videos

Abuse and Neglect in Long Term Care:

Recent research shows that the dynamics between dependent individuals and their caregivers are much more complex.

Make a difference through accessing the following free publications. By learning more about what abuse of older adults is, why it happens, and what signs to look for, we will be better prepared to deal with abuse of older adults or to help, in a respectful way, when necessary.

* *Abuse of Older Adults in Institutions* - Fact Sheet by Irene Ens, 1998.

* *Financial Abuse of Older Adults* - Fact Sheet by Teresa Lukawiecki, 1998.

* *Prevention of the Abuse of Seniors - Canadian Training Guides* by Kelly Gorkoff, Jocelyn Proulx and Brenda Comaskey, 1998.

SCO Health Service Dept., Elisabeth Bruyere Intervention and Prevention Health Centre.
Tel: (613) 562-6365

Breaking Point

Kineticvideo.com. Tel: 1-800-263-6910

Money Matters for Seniors

BCCEAS (B.C. Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors). Tel: (604) 521-1235

Perceptions of Abuse

Kineticvideo.com. Tel: 1-800-263-6910

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

New to the Library

* Eggert, Leona L. *Anger management for youth: stemming aggression and violence*. Bloomington, Indiana: National Education Services, 1994.

* Barnes, Mark A. *Healing path with children: an exploration for parents and professionals*. Kingston: Viktoria, Fermoyle & Berrigan, 1996.

* Jackson, Lynette. *Out from the Shadows: the sexually exploited youth project: speaking out together: declaration and agenda for action of sexually exploited children and youth*. Save the Children Canada, 1998.

* Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Criminal Harassment. *A handbook for police and crown prosecutors on criminal harassment*. Ottawa: Dept. Of Justice Canada, 1999.

* Rice, Dorothy P. *Working together: more on developing community response networks in relation to Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act: Support and assistance for abused and neglected adults*. Vancouver: Public trustee of British Columbia, 1998.

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 an effective way to generate awareness and discussion among both professionals and the public. By combining visual and verbal messages, they can produce a powerful impact which makes them a valuable component of workshops, courses, training and educational sessions.

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

- Dating violence
- Woman abuse
- Child sexual abuse
- Youth violence
- Violence against people with disabilities

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**"

✧ **A Love that Kills**, produced by *Jack McGaw and George Johnson*, 1999, is a powerful documentary that tells the story of Monica, a nineteen-year-old woman who was murdered by her former boyfriend. Monica's mother speaks passionately throughout the video, bravely telling viewers about her daughter's life and tragic death. The video helps to identify the warning signs of partner abuse, especially in young people, and the damage it causes emotionally and physically. It will help generate discussion and action and is appropriate for use in Health, Guidance, Family Law or Social Studies classes.

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

✧ **How Then Shall We Live**, produced by *Becky Wentzell, Susan Risk and Live Wire Video Productions* for *Saskatchewan Towards Offering Partnership Solutions to Violence (STOPS)*, 1999. Through personal interviews with people who have left abusive relationships, the video explores the process of leaving and rebuilding. The video offers practical and legal suggestions for victims of domestic violence and for those who would like to be supportive neighbours, service providers and friends. The video and accompanying discussion guide have been designed in consultation with rural, disabled, and aboriginal people and with gays and lesbians, immigrant and visible minorities, older adults and teens to create recognition and understanding of the issues of domestic violence. The guides can be used for small community groups, schools and professional workshops.

Distributor: Live Wire Productions
Tel: (306) 586-3492; Fax: (306) 525-3648

✧ **Stolen Lives: Children in the Sex Trade**, produced by *Nathan Neumer & Lori Roth*, 1999. Every year in Canada and the United States, more than

seven billion dollars are generated by the commercial sexual exploitation of children under the age of 18. *Stolen Lives* takes a hard look at boys and girls being exploited in the fast growing business of selling children for sex in North America. Their stories, compelling and poignant, diverse and courageous, expose the realities of children in the sex trade today. Contains explicit language and content.

Distributor: Still Water Pictures Inc.
Tel: (604) 685-0345; Fax: (604) 685-0341
E-mail: noomz@istar.ca

✧ **Youth Violence: What's Out There**, produced by *Keri Nelson*, 1995, was specifically designed for young people aged 8 to 18. This fast paced program is intended to motivate discussion, to empower youth with positive alternatives to violence, and to explore important issues that may face young people today including: intimidation, weapons, gangs and date rape.

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

✧ **The Person Within**, produced by *Chris Carter and Creative Media Productions*, 1999, explores the abuse and neglect of children and youth with disabilities. The video gives a voice to young people with disabilities, their parents and their caregivers and emphasizes recognizing individual abilities rather than disabilities. Authentic and richly informative, this production highlights the importance of emotionally responsible caregiving in family homes, group homes, schools and treatment facilities. A companion handbook is available.

Distributor: BC Institute Against Family Violence
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E-mail: bcifv@bcifv.org
Web site: www.bcifv.org

The NCFV Partners with The Canadian Health Network

On March 1, 2000, the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV), in a consortium partnership with the British Columbia Institute Against Family Violence (BCIFV) and Education Wife Assault (EWA), agreed to fulfill the role of Violence Affiliate within the Canadian Health Network (CHN). The BCIFV is the lead agency in supporting CHN's Violence Affiliates.

CHN is a new national, bilingual web site funded by and in partnership with Health Canada. CHN is a growing network of over 500 partners with more than 6,000 links to Canadian web based information covering 26 major health issues and population groups. Through CHN, the Canadian public and health intermediaries alike can find timely, credible and peer reviewed resources from health information providers across Canada.

The NCFV is pleased to take on this new opportunity and looks forward to the challenges ahead.

Questions? Comments? Please contact Montini Calixte at (613) 941-5053 or montini_calixte@hc-sc.gc.ca



The BCCEAS Takes Money Matters On The Road

The BC Coalition to Eliminate the Abuse of Seniors (BCCEAS) is taking *Money Matters* on the road. The BCCEAS, which produced the educational package *Money Matters* to alert seniors and employees of financial institutions to the indicators of possible financial abuse, will be using the package to give workshops in Alberta and Nova Scotia. The educational package includes a training video, facilitator's guide and educational materials.

One package is designed for use with seniors organizations and the other for use in financial institutions.

To order please contact the BC Coalition to Eliminate the Abuse of Seniors:

Telephone: (604) 521-1235

Fax: (604) 515-0201

The package for seniors' organizations costs \$58.00 + shipping. The package for financial institutions costs \$65.00 + shipping.

Conferences

December 3-8, 2000

Fourteenth International Conference of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law

Sandtom, South Africa

Tel: (604) 643-1252

Fax: (604) 643-1200

Email: isrcl@swinton.ca

January 31 - February 2, 2001

First International Francophone Congress on Sexual Abuse

Chateau Frontenac

Québec, Québec

Tel: (819) 564-5127

Fax: (819) 564-6531

March 11-15, 2001

Media for Children

Thessaloniki, Greece

E-mail: summit@childrens-media.org

Web site: www.childrens-media.org

June 1-2, 2001

People in Motion 2001

Queen Elizabeth Building Exhibition Place

Toronto, Ontario

Tel: (877) 745-6555

Fax: (905) 702-1244

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

The Costs of Family Violence in Canada: Facts

Fact: The identifiable costs of violence against women in Canada total \$4,225,954,322 annually (1994).¹ They include: police services; social agencies; medical help; income assistance; educational support; unemployment; the justice system; and temporary housing.² Not included are those costs resulting from widespread sexual harassment in the workplace or schools, or from psychological abuse.³

Fact: Health-related costs alone of violence against women equal more than \$1.5 billion; this includes \$225 million in long-term medical consultations and \$506 million in short and long-term psychiatric care.⁴

Fact: The annual costs of operating women's shelters in Canada total approximately \$135 million. Additionally, \$29,381,878 is required to operate rape crisis/sexual assault centres throughout Canada.⁵

Fact: The long-term costs of helping and nurturing children from violent homes are immeasurable. The costs that arise from the physical, psychological and behavioural problems they suffer include special needs in the schools, medical effects, truancy, homelessness, policing, legal and penal consequences, probation, social work and lost productivity in the workforce.⁶

Fact: Numerous health conditions have been linked repeatedly with child sexual abuse. A Canadian study found that 44 per cent of eating disorder expenditures and 50 per cent of alcohol dependence expenditures can be attributed to child sexual abuse.⁷

Fact: The estimated cost of child sexual abuse in Canada exceeds \$3.6 billion. The true cost of child sexual abuse is likely higher because of the secrecy and dependency that children often have on their abusers.⁸

Fact: The total health costs of child sexual abuse are estimated at \$1,718,643,751.⁹ Additionally, \$914,718,858 is expended by social and public services on child sexual abuse cases.¹⁰

Fact: Treatment programs for child sexual abuse offenders cost about \$47,557,090 annually.¹¹

Fact: A recent British Columbia study found that eight per cent of older adults had been financially abused, losing, on average, \$20,000 each.¹²

Fact: A Québec study revealed that 30 per cent of professionals interviewed had witnessed financial abuse of older adults.¹³

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