



# Newsletter

# Sharing Information and Solutions

A Newsletter from the **National Clearinghouse on Family Violence**  
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**W**e are pleased to provide you with the fifth issue of *Sharing Information and Solutions*, the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence newsletter. This issue highlights the newest resources being used to address family violence, from publications and videos to upcoming events. Look for a special feature on the release of the publication "Canadian Forces Communities Working Together to Prevent Family Violence" developed by the Director Military Family Services in collaboration with the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence and the support of the Canadian Forces Quality of Life Project Team. The newsletter also profiles a variety of resources which may be useful to health and social service providers - Check out our "Focus on Resources" section!

As always, our main goal is to continue to share information that will raise public awareness, enhance knowledge, and keep you informed about new activities that our co-workers and partners are undertaking to prevent family violence in Canada.

We hope you enjoy this issue and would love to hear your feedback and comments. Write, fax or send us an e-mail!

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Information sur la violence dans la famille  
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## Our Web site

We invite you to visit the NCFV Web site. You will be amazed to find hundreds of resources and links on the issue of family violence right at your fingertips. All this information is available on line and YES, free of charge! Please share our Web site address with your colleagues, students, friends and family. It takes a whole community to prevent family violence, so let's get the word out.

### New Features on the NCFV Site

We strive to make the Web site a resource that is user friendly. Two of our new features will provide you with the opportunity to help the NCFV serve you

better: **New and Improved Feedback Form** - your comments and suggestions are important to us and could bring future improvements to our site. **New Online Client Survey** - in completing this survey, you will allow us to capture the satisfaction level of our online users; please take a few minutes to let us know what you think. The third feature, our **New Index of Publications** - is a one stop page that incorporates everything the NCFV has to offer. No longer will you need to visit each section area to complete your search.

Don't forget, the NCFV Web site is just a bookmark away!

## Violence Hurts Us All

The Multiculturalism Program of Canadian Heritage is a partner in the federal government's Family Violence Initiative, the aim of which is to reduce the occurrence of violence within the family in Canada.

With CFMT-TV, Canada's largest multilingual broadcaster, the Program has produced a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) in 14 heritage languages (Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, Greek, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Tamil and Vietnamese) for use by ethnic television across the country. The PSA makes the point that violence in families has a serious and long-term impact on children.

CFMT has contributed the PSA's production costs and will provide free PSA air-time worth \$500,000 over 5 years.

Other major ethnic television broadcasters and networks have also committed free air-time, including CJNT in Montreal, CHIN in Toronto, Asian Television Network, Fairchild Television, Festival Portuguese TV and Telelatino Network. Similar commitments have been provided by some 22 community cable channels, all members of the Canadian Cable Television Association.

The PSA complements other key family violence prevention activities of the Multiculturalism Program and reinforces family violence prevention messages being delivered by non-government organization partners through heritage language radio and television programming.

The Multiculturalism Program strategy builds on lessons learned from its past work on family violence prevention which demonstrated that there is a real need for information in non-official languages as well as English and French, and ethnic media are a very effective way of providing it.

The PSA project is an example of a wonderfully successful partnership between the public and private sectors.

Now available through the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV) is a poster designed to complement the multilingual PSA. The *Violence Hurts Us All* poster is a CFMT-TV product and depicts images and languages which were featured by the PSA. [Contact the NCFV for copies!](#)

# New Publications

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

## Fact Sheets

✱ **Abuse of Children with Disabilities - fact sheet** by *Catherine Frazee*, 1999. This fact sheet emphasizes the importance of understanding that due to the dependence and vulnerability of children with disabilities the risk factors for abuse are intensified. It also provides the reader with resources available in the community which will be helpful to front-line workers, families of children with disabilities, researchers, policy makers and community groups.

✱ **at a glance ... The Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS)** by *Health Canada*, 2001. The objective of this 4 page fact sheet, is to provide readers with a snapshot of the CIS. **at a glance ...** outlines the goals, methods and key results from the study. Definitions of the four categories of maltreatment and respective subcategories are given. This document is intended for educators, media, parent groups, etc.

## Inventories

✱ **Transition Houses and Shelters for Abused Women in Canada**, by the *National Clearinghouse on Family Violence*, 2000. This document provides an updated listing of transition houses and shelters in Canada. In this edition, 474 transition houses and shelters are listed by province from the east to west coast, and are alphabetized by town or city within each province/territory. Transition houses and shelters provide temporary accommodation and support to abused women and their children for periods of a few days to a few weeks and, in some cases, a few months. An explanation of the functions of the different types of facilities is provided. The document will be a helpful resource for health and social services professionals, community agencies, public institutions (schools, police, hospitals, etc.), researchers and the general public.

✱ **Preventing Family Violence: A Catalogue of Canadian Videos on Family Violence for the General Public and for Professionals Working on the Field (Tenth edition)**, by the *National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV)*, 2001. Compiled by the NCFV, this catalogue is an up-to-date guide to Canadian videos addressing family violence. This tenth edition includes two new videos on child abuse; one new video on child sexual abuse, and five new videos on woman abuse. Descriptions and purchasing information are provided for each of the videos listed. Public libraries that make these videos available through their *Preventing Family Violence* video collection are also listed in the catalogue by province/territory.

## Reports and Discussion Papers

✱ **Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS): Final Report**, by *Nico Trocmé, Bruce MacLaurin, Barbara Falon, et al.*, 2001. This publication presents the major descriptive findings from the 1998 CIS. This report is intended for professional audiences. The goal of the document is to explain the methodology of the CIS and present findings in detail. Included in the CIS Final Report is an executive summary which serves as a brief, uncomplicated and a readable synopsis of the research results.

✱ **Child Maltreatment in Canada: Selected Results from the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS)**, by *Nico Trocmé and David Wolfe*, 2001. The CMIC is a companion to the CIS Final Report and presents substantiated rates of reported child maltreatment in Canada from the CIS data set. This report is intended for a wider audience than the CIS Final Report. Information in the document is enriched with colour graphs and tables.

# Focus on Resources - Health Professionals and Social Service Providers

**Fact:** Family violence has a direct impact on the health of those affected and consequently increases the demand for health care services.

**Fact:** Family violence is not only a health issue but also a social welfare issue, a justice issue, and an employment issue, just to name a few.

**Fact:** Health care professionals are often the first contact point for many victims of violence.

Let us all remember that immediate recognition of the problem can make all the difference. Accessing the following free publications, could be your first step.

## Publications

✦ *Family Violence: Clinical Guidelines for Nurses* - by the Canadian Nurses Association, 1992.

✦ *Family Violence Handbook for the Dental Community* - by Donna Denham and Joan Gillespie, 1995.

✦ *The Consequences of Child Maltreatment: A Reference Guide for Health Practitioners* - by Jeff Latimer, 1998.

✦ *A Handbook Dealing with Woman Abuse and the Canadian Criminal Justice System: Guidelines for Physicians* - by Lorraine Ferris, Asifa Nurani, and Laura Silver, 1998.

✦ *A Handbook for Health and Social Services Professionals*

*Responding to Abuse During Pregnancy* - by Wanda Jamieson and Liz Hart, 1998.

✦ *A Handbook for Health and Social Service Providers and Educators on Children Exposed to Woman Abuse/Family Violence* - by Marlies Sudermann and Peter Jaffe, 1998.

✦ *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.

✦ *Resource and Training Kit for Service Providers: Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults* - by Nancy Murphy, 1994.

## Videos

From Disclosure to Justice	British Columbia Society for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse Tel: (604) 682-6482
Charting New Waters: How to Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities	Justice Institute of B.C. Tel: (604) 528-5628
Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Program, Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre Tel: (604) 875-4924
Double Jeopardy	Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres Tel: (613) 563-2581
Abuse and Neglect in Long Term Care	SCO Health Service Dept. Elisabeth Bruyere Health Centre Tel: (613) 562-6365

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

# New Videos

This issue of *Sharing Information and Solutions* puts the spotlight on four new videos recently added to the *Preventing Family Violence* video collection. Videos are wonderful educational resources and great tools for provoking discussion and introspection at your next workshop, course, training and education session.

You may borrow the following videos through the **37 National Film Board Partner Public Libraries** or purchase them through the **distributor**. Issues addressed include woman abuse and the 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**”

✧ *Marker of Change: The Story of the Women’s Monument*, produced by Hilary Jones-Farrow, 1998, is the remarkable story of a small and determined group of Vancouver feminists who set out to create a permanent marker to name and remember the 14 women murdered at L’École Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1989. The success of their struggle, amidst controversy and criticism, is a benchmark in feminist history and a Canadian model for social activism. It is a provocative and loving follow story to the 1991 NFB/CBC film *After the Montreal Massacre*. Intended to provoke a healing shift in consciousness for female and male audiences.

**Distributor:** Moving Images Distribution  
Tel: (604) 684-3014  
Fax: (604) 684-7165  
E-mail: mailbox@movingimages.bc.ca  
Web site: www.movingimages.bc.ca

✧ *Changing the Ending*, produced by Deborah Doherty, 1997, explores many issues through the eyes of two women who have found shelter at a transition house after being assaulted by their partners. Although the characters are fictional, their stories are based on a composite of real stories about the intense and conflicting emotions which abused women often experience when they face police, courts and the legal system. The video provides some insight into the courageous struggle of abused women to stop the violence and ‘change the ending’. A user’s guide helps to introduce the video, elaborate on issues and concepts raised in the video, and plan related activities.

**Distributor:** Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick  
Tel: (506) 453-5369  
Fax: (506) 457-7899

✧ *Breaking Point*, produced by Erna Wine Maurer, 1994, in this provocative documentary, Nancy, a formerly abusive daughter, talks candidly about her repeated abuse of her invalid mother. As Nancy relates her story, a sensitive and emotional portrayal emerges. Through therapy and soul-searching, Nancy eventually came to terms with what she had done and acquired an understanding of how the abuse might have been avoided. The video provides insights which will provoke discussion and introspection.

**Distributor:** kineticvideo.com  
Tel: (416) 538-9984  
Fax: (416) 538-9984  
E-mail: info@kineticvideo.com  
Web site: www.kineticvideo.com

✧ *Perceptions of Abuse*, produced by Erna Wine Maurer, 1998, this program is an exploration of the issue of abuse of older adults as seen through the eyes of adolescents. It may be used to: generate awareness and understanding of issues of neglect and abuse of older adults; encourage older adults and future older adults to protect themselves and their peers from all forms of abuse; help caregivers to recognize the potential to curb incidents of elder abuse before they begin; promote the belief that every age group has a part to play in the identification and resolution of abusive situations.

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# Doctors Opposing Violence Everywhere (DOVE)

Increasing concern over societal violence as it relates to health has led a group of physicians to form DOVE (Doctors Opposing Violence Everywhere), a national advocacy organization dedicated to reducing violence overall, headed by Dr. Nigel Flook.

Through a 4 phase, 3 year program DOVE plans to achieve:

- A physician awareness program to enhance physicians' recognition and management of victims and perpetrators of violence.
- A patient awareness program to stimulate dialogue between victims of violence and their physicians. The focus will be on women and youth who are most at risk or are victims of violence.

- A community/regional level program to build intolerance to violent behaviour and offer non-violent problem solving strategies for application in family and other relationships. (The focus will be on changing public attitudes towards violence.)
- A national collaborative partnership(s) with organizations and their stakeholders with similar goals.

DOVE, through its educational programs, hopes to initiate the attitudinal change needed to reduce violence overall and ultimately create a safe and nurturing environment for our children, our families and our communities.

For more information on the DOVE organization, please contact Dr. Nigel Flook at: [nflook@netcom.ca](mailto:nflook@netcom.ca).

## New to the Library

✦ Totten, Mark. *Guys, gangs and girlfriend abuse*. Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2000.

✦ Department of Justice Canada, Family, Children and Youth Section. *Child victims and the criminal justice system: A consultation paper*. Ottawa: Department of Justice Canada, 1999.

✦ Tobin, Rod. *Alone and forgotten: the sexually abused man*. Carp, Ontario: Creative Bound, 1999.

[www.ils.ca/hc](http://www.ils.ca/hc)

✦ Quinn, Mary Joy; Tomita, Susan K. *Elder abuse and neglect: causes, diagnosis, and intervention strategies*. Springer, 1997.

✦ Nelder, Mary; Snelling, Susan. Department of Justice Canada, Research and Statistics Section. *Women speak: the value of community-based research on women abuse*. Ottawa: Department of Justice Canada, 2000.

## Conferences

June 1-2, 2001

### People in Motion 2001

Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place,  
Toronto, Ontario  
Tel: (877) 745-6555  
Fax: (905) 702-1244

June 6-8, 2001

### Our Children Our Future: A Call to Action

An International Conference Children Exposed to  
Domestic Violence  
London Convention Centre,  
London, Ontario  
Tel: (519) 679-7250 X (117)  
Fax: (519) 675-7772  
Email: [info@lfcc.on.ca](mailto:info@lfcc.on.ca)  
Web site: [www.lfcc.on.ca](http://www.lfcc.on.ca)

June 20-23, 2001

### "Congress 2001" The 28<sup>th</sup> Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice

The Westin Nova Scotian,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Tel: (613) 725-3715  
Fax: (613) 725-3720

July 1-6, 2001

### The XVIIIth World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology

Vancouver, British Columbia  
Tel: (604) 268-7972  
Fax: (604) 291-5066  
Email: [iag\\_congress@sfu.ca](mailto:iag_congress@sfu.ca)  
Web site: [www.harbour.sfu.ca/geron/iag](http://www.harbour.sfu.ca/geron/iag)

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# Canadian Forces Communities Working Together to Prevent Family Violence

This booklet was developed and produced by Director Military Family Services (DMFS) in collaboration with the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence and with the support of the Canadian Forces Quality of Life Project Team. The booklet was designed as a primary and secondary educational resource for Canadian Forces (CF) families. DMFS began the project from the premise that CF community members care about and support one another. The easy to follow text helps families understand domestic violence and teaches them how to help victims of abuse. The design is unique enough to entice people to chose the little

booklet over more standard brochures found in reception rooms. Readers are invited to detach a poster of the front cover and display it proudly in their office or home to demonstrate their support for the prevention of family violence in CF communities. On the secondary level, the booklet contains lists of CF and civilian resources available to help anyone in an abusive relationship. Forty thousand booklets are being distributed free of charge to CF families through Military Family Resource Centers and civilian medical/social offices in communities surrounding CF bases.

## The Canadian Woman's Health Network



The Canadian Women's Health Network (CWHN) is a vital link between information sources and information seekers. A non-profit corporation, the CWHN is guided by a woman-centered, holistic vision of women's health. Respecting the diverse realities of women's lives, the CWHN works towards ending discrimination based on gender, race, age, language, region, religion, sexual orientation or ability. Recognizing the importance of information sharing, education and advocacy for women's health and equality, the CWHN's ever-expanding collection of health-related information is available over the phone, through their Magazine and mailings, and on their Web site and databases.

[www.cwhn.ca](http://www.cwhn.ca)

## **(CIS) Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect**

The 1998 CIS is the first nationwide study to examine the incidence of reported child maltreatment and the characteristics of children and families investigated by Canadian child welfare services. Prior to the CIS, there was no central source of comprehensive, Canada-wide statistics on children and families investigated because of suspected child abuse and neglect.

Specifically, the study is designed to:

- Examine the rates of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and emotional maltreatment, as well as multiple forms of maltreatment, reported to, and investigated by, child welfare services;
- Examine the severity of maltreatment in terms of chronicity and evidence of harm/risk;
- Examine selected determinants of health for investigated children and their families; and
- Monitor short-term investigation outcomes, including substantiation rates, placement in care, use of child welfare court, and criminal prosecution.

Data collection and preliminary analysis is complete and the results are showcased in 3 publications available through the NCFV:

- 1) *Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS): Final Report*,
- 2) *Child Maltreatment in Canada: Selected Results from the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect*, and
- 3) *at a glance ... The Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect*

Please see our **New Publications** section on page 3 for more information.

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