

Newsletter

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Sharing Information and Solutions

Presenting the eighth issue of the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV) newsletter! The NCFV, on behalf of the federal Family Violence Initiative, provides Canadian information and resources on violence in relationships of kinship, intimacy, dependency and trust.

Twice a year, the NCFV publishes its newsletter, *Sharing Information and Solutions*, showcasing publications, videos, resources and services available through the NCFV. This edition features highlights from Family Violence Initiative partner departments Correctional Service of Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canadian Heritage and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

We hope you find the material in this newsletter useful in your work or your personal life. Reference material and videos are available through inter-library loan from your local library. All other 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. For your convenience, helpful links to information that can be accessed electronically have been included.

If you know anyone who would be interested in receiving this information, please encourage them to contact the NCFV to arrange to be placed on our mailing list.

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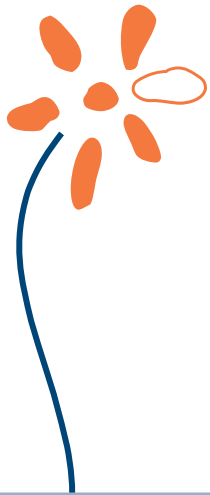
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Our Partners

The National Clearinghouse on Family Violence works on behalf of 12 federal departments to develop and disseminate resources to address family violence in Canada. Here's a look at the activities being undertaken by three of our partnering departments: Correctional Service of Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Canadian Heritage.

Correctional Service of Canada

Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) addresses spousal violence through Family Violence Prevention Programs. Programs are primarily focused on male offenders who have been abusive in their intimate relationships with female partners. Culturally specific programs are being designed for Aboriginal offenders. Programs have been designed for women to address issues related to their victimization; currently a treatment protocol for women perpetrators of abuse in intimate relationships is under development.

CSC's Family Violence Prevention Programs focus on teaching offenders that violence is a learned response. Program content is primarily psycho-educational, providing information while teaching specific skills in the following three areas: education, skill development and relapse prevention. Because attitudinal change requires considerable time, a continuum of treatment, from the institution to the community, is necessary. After having participated in the moderate or high intensity programs, offenders are referred to attend "maintenance" so that they can practice skills and maintain their skill acquired through treatment.

**To access reports and publications available through
Correctional Service of Canada please visit:**

**www.csc-ccc.gc.ca/text/publicsubject_e.shtml or
www.csc-ccc.gc.ca/text/rsrch/reports/reports_e.shtml**

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

RCMP Divisions across Canada have undertaken a wide range of activities and initiatives that relate to family violence. These include participation in and/or providing training in the area of family violence; developing policy and protocols; contributing input into the policy-development process leading to legislation; developing a spousal/partner abuse form; having dedicated investigators for family violence incidents; developing awareness programs built around key messages; holding public forums; contributing to publications such as

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Family Violence Initiative Partners

- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Canadian Heritage
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Correctional Service of Canada
- Department of National Defence
- Health Canada
- Human Resources Development Canada
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Justice Canada
- RCMP
- Statistics Canada
- Status of Women Canada

For more information or to order publications contact:

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(613) 952-6396

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newspapers, newsletters, and journals; holding prevention workshops; participating in research projects; and participating on various committees that deal with family violence issues.

Some of the RCMP's ongoing activities in response to family violence consist of sensitizing and providing training to members of the RCMP on victims issues. With assistance from the Family Violence Initiative, the RCMP Divisions across Canada were able to provide training to police officers, victims services coordinators and community volunteers in the areas of Vicarious Trauma, Critical Incident Stress, Grieving Process, Bullying, Domestic Violence, Victim Compensation, Bereavement, Court Support, Sexual Assault, Traumatic Events, Impact of Victimization, Crisis Intervention, Suicide Prevention and Intervention Workshops, and Elder Abuse Workshops.

**To learn more about the work being done by the RCMP
please visit their Web site:
www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca**

Canadian Heritage: Aboriginal Women's Learning Circle

The Department of Canadian Heritage has been involved with the Family Violence Initiative since 1991. In March 2002, Canadian Heritage Aboriginal Women's Program hosted an Aboriginal Women's Learning Circle at the Odawa Friendship Centre in Ottawa.

This Learning Circle brought together women representing 14 projects from across the country that had received funding under the Family Violence Initiative component of the Aboriginal Women's Program. These women came together to share views, concerns, and learnings from their respective programs with others.

“While there may be many paths to healing, the importance of traditional culture and practices is at the centre.”

The foundation of the Aboriginal women's approach is the reclamation of traditional cultural practices. Traditional practices value the role of the extended family in the healing process and recognize the importance of focusing on healing and well-being rather than on the pain and hurt. Through this Learning Circle, the recommendations of the Aboriginal women clearly emphasized that community projects must be tailored to meet the unique needs of their own communities.

Opportunities such as the Learning Circle enable women to come together to share their knowledge and experiences in an atmosphere of mutual support, so they can then adapt these learnings to enhance their own projects.

The Report produced from this Learning Circle provides the views, concerns, wisdom and recommendations of the Aboriginal women who participated. The Report provides a very clear picture of the personal commitment, drive, energy and vision that these Aboriginal women bring to resolving family violence issues in their communities.

**To view and download a copy of this report, please visit the Canadian
Heritage Web site at www.pch.gc.ca or call: 613-994-3835.**



Working with Immigrants and Refugees

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) develops policies and programs to facilitate the social and economic integration of newcomers to Canada. CIC's orientation resources and educational materials provide an overview of Canadian values, laws and social expectations, which clearly emphasize that all forms of family violence are illegal in this country.

The new *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, which came into force on June 28, 2002, addresses several family violence issues and is expected to have positive impacts for women and children. The reduction of the sponsorship duration for spouses, common law and conjugal partners from 10 to 3 years addresses concerns that domestic violence is aggravated by the dependency implied by the sponsorship. As well, a sponsorship bar has been placed on individuals who have been convicted of a sexual offence or domestic violence for a period of 5 years after completion of the sentence. The new legislation also requires the Department to report annually to Parliament on gender impacts of the Act, which may provide future opportunities for the government of Canada to assess progress in addressing violence against immigrant and refugee women in Canada.

In 1996, the Immigration and Refugee Board updated Guidelines on Women Refugee Claimants Fearing Gender-Related Persecution. The guidelines provide for the protection of women who fear persecution resulting from severe discrimination on the grounds of gender or from acts of violence at the hands of private citizens where the state is unwilling or unable to provide adequate protection.

**For general information and additional resources, please visit:
www.cic.gc.ca and <http://cwr.utoronto.ca/cultural/>**

Focus on Resources

Outlined below is a list of resources available through the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence (NCFV) that may be useful in your work with immigrants and refugees dealing with issues related to family violence.

Publications

The following publications are available at the NCFV, free of charge, in both official languages and in alternative formats upon request.

- ♦ “Guidebook on Vicarious Trauma: Recommended Solutions for Anti-Violence Workers” [cat: H72-21/178-2000E]
- ♦ “Abuse is Wrong in Any Language” [cat: H72-131/1995E]

- ◆ “Abuse is Wrong in Any Language” (Poster) [cat: H72-131/1995E*1]
- ◆ “A Booklet for Service Providers Who Work with Immigrant Families - On Issues Relating to Child Discipline, Child Abuse and Child Neglect” [cat: H72-21/177-2000]
- ◆ “Isolated, Afraid and Forgotten: The Service Delivery Needs and Realities of Immigrant and Refugee Women Who Are Battered” [cat: H72-21/78-1992E]
- ◆ “Like a Wingless Bird . . .” A Tribute to the Survival and Courage of Women Who Are Abused and Who Speak Neither English nor French [cat: H72-21/110-1994E]

Videos

To borrow, contact the NCFV for a list of partner public libraries. To purchase, contact the distributor listed below.

- ◆ “Of Hopscotch and Little Girls”, 1999
 - Purchase inquiries: National Film Board of Canada
 - Web site: www.nfb.ca
 - Telephone: 1-800-267-7710
- ◆ “Never Shake a Baby”, 1998
 - Purchase inquiries: Kiwanis Club of Ottawa
 - Web site: www.ottawakiwanis.org
 - Telephone: (613) 233-1900
- ◆ “Behind Closed Doors”, 1998
 - Purchase inquiries: Deluxe Production
 - Telephone: (604) 683-1361

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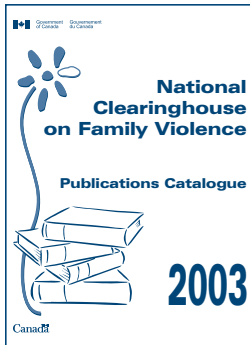
The following books may be borrowed through interlibrary loan. Please contact the NCFV for more information.

- ◆ **The application of the culturagram in cross-cultural practice with elder abuse victims**, by Patricia Brownell, New York, NY: Haworth, 1997 [cat: NCFV Index ‘97 - NCFV Per.]
- ◆ **Violence against immigrant, refugee and racial minority women: Phase II and III, a manual for: promoting awareness and understanding, networking and linking organizing activities for breaking down barriers**, by Indra Maharaj, Ottawa, ON: National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women, 1995 [cat: ncfv/HQ809.3.C2/C212.WA/4887-15/-93-015]
- ◆ **Resource guide to assist immigrant, visible minority and refugee women and women with disabilities who experience abuse**, Multicultural Women’s Organization of Ottawa Carleton et al., Ottawa, ON: Multicultural Women’s Organization of Ottawa Carleton, 1998 [cat: ncfv/HV6626.23/.C2.O5/M961/1998]



New Publications

Introducing the 2003 NCFV Publications Catalogue



- ◆ H72-21/21-2003 UPDATE 2003, 66p.
 - **National Clearinghouse on Family Violence - Publications Catalogue 2003**
The 2003 edition of the NCFV Publications Catalogue provides descriptions of more than 100 publications produced through the federal Family Violence Initiative. The catalogue is divided into five sections - Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Sexual Abuse, Woman Abuse, Abuse of Older Adults, and Family Violence.

Overview Papers

- ◆ H72-22/12-2002E UPDATE 2002, 9p.
 - **Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse**
revised by Thomas Wilken
This overview paper summarizes information on child sexual abuse and its impacts on adult survivors. It outlines some of the relevant terminology, identifies characteristics of male and female survivors and explores stages of recovery. The overview paper also explains how family and friends can help and provides a list of suggested reading material.
- ◆ H72-22/24-2002E NEW 2002, 13p.
 - **Aggressive Girls**
by Sibylle Artz and Diana Nicholson
This overview paper summarizes recent research on girls who exhibit aggressive and violent behaviours. It defines relevant terms, outlines factors that may contribute to girls' aggression and violence, and presents ideas for preventing these behaviours. A list of resources is also included.

Reports

- ◆ H72-21/184-2002E NEW 2002, 102 p.
 - **Swallowing the Hurt: Exploring the Links Between Anorexia, Bulimia and Violence Against Women and Girls**
by Shelley Moore et al.
This report examines the relationship between the experiences of violence and the development of eating disorders in women and girls. It presents prevalence rates, identifies and describes the links, and provides guidelines for the treatment of violence and eating disorders. The report is based on a review of literature and consultations with community workers, health practitioners and mental health professionals.

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**. Videos may be borrowed through these libraries or through an interlibrary loan. To purchase videos, please contact the distributor.

To obtain a complete list of videos, libraries, and distributors 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]

Our most recent additions include:

- ♦ **Of Hopscotch and Little Girls.** This video features personal accounts of sexual abuse of little girls from different countries. The video further addresses the adverse impact of abuse and oppression on their ability to fulfil their potential in life.
1999, 52 minutes, With subtitles
Purchase inquiries: National Film Board of Canada
Web site: www.nfb.ca
Telephone: 1-800-267-7710
- ♦ **Unbalanced Scales: Gender Bias in the Justice System.** This resource addresses the revictimization of women at the hands of the justice and social systems after these women have already been victims of domestic violence. The video is a consciousness-raising tool about systematic discrimination and gender bias. *Unbalanced Scales* helps viewers identify specific policies, procedures, and practices that may appear neutral but that, in actuality, have an adverse impact on women. Finally, it generates suggestions on ways to address the problem.
1999, 20 minutes
Purchase inquiries: Kinetic Video
Web site: www.kineticvideo.com
Telephone: (416) 538-9984
- ♦ **What Next? What to do about Sexual Assault.** This video was developed to provide people with developmental disabilities with tools for dealing with sexual abuse and sexual assault. People with a developmental disability are often at greater risk of abuse. The video emphasizes that sexual abuse/assault is wrong, and stresses that victims are not at fault. It also encourages victims to tell someone they trust in order to get help.
2000, 12 minutes
Purchase inquiries: Community Living Algoma
Telephone: (705) 253-1700



New to the NCFV Reference Collection

The NCFV maintains an extensive 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:

- ♦ **Domestic Violence: A Handbook for Journalists**, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Warwick, RI, 2001 [cat: ncfv/HV6626.22/.R5/R475/2001]
- ♦ **Domestic Violence in the Lives of Children: The Future of Research, Intervention and Social Policy**, by Sandra A. Graham-Bermann and Jeffrey L. Edleson, Washinton, DC: American Psychological Association, 2001 [cat: ncfv/HV6626/D668i/2001]
- ♦ **Non-technical Strategies to Reduce Children's Exposure to Inappropriate Material on the Internet: Summary of a Workshop**, by Joah G. Iannotta, Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 2001 [cat: ncfv/HQ784.I58/N814/2001]
- ♦ **Task Force on the Health Effects of Woman Abuse: Final Report**, by Marion Boyd, London, ON: Middlesex-London Health Unit, 2000 [cat: ncfv/HV6626.23/.C2.O5/M627/2000]

Our Web Site

Publications available through the NCFV are also available on-line!! Once you log on to our Web site at www.hc-sc.gc.ca/nc-cn you will be able to view, print or order any of the NCFV publications.

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

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Send us an e-mail at national_clearinghouse@hc-sc.gc.ca if you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically.