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FALL TRAINING FORUM DECEMBER 2-3

The BCASVACP, our Managing Partner, is holding its Fall Training Forum on December 2 and 3 in Richmond, BC. The theme of this year's forum is the continuum of violence prevention—from primary prevention to intervention. Keynote speakers include Peter Jaffe, Sherene Razack, Vera Lagasse and Teressa Nahanee. **Partial subsidies are available to enable one member from every coordination initiative to attend!** We are actively seeking funding to pay partial subsidy for another member from every coordination initiative. Coordination initiative contact people: keep an eye on your email for more information on registering.

NEW CONTACT LIST FOR COORDINATION INITIATIVES

CCWS has just finished updating our list of contact information for all community coordination initiatives across the province. This latest updating process gave us a great opportunity to get in touch with all initiatives and find out about your needs for training and support. We are excited about working together this year to address these needs.

If you have not received a copy of the list, you can download it from our webpage (go to www.endingviolence.org, scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on Community Coordination for Women's Safety) or contact Laura-Ashley at 604-633-2506 ext 15. If you are the chair or contact person of a coordination initiative, please keep sending us any updates to your contact information. Thank you!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

CCWS Regional Coordinators Morgen Baldwin and Gail Edinger are gearing up for another busy fall on the road. Their travel plans for the fall include training sessions and other meetings with: Burns Lake, Campbell River, Courtenay/Comox, Cranbrook, Crescent Spur, Dome Creek, McBride, Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Powell River, Smithers, Squamish, Surrey and Valemount. During the spring and summer, Morgen and Gail visited Chetwynd, Dawson Creek and Merritt.

Over the past six months, information and support have been provided by phone and email to 100 Mile, Burns Lake, Chetwynd, Chilliwack, Courtenay/Comox, Cranbrook, Crescent Spur, Dawson Creek, Dome Creek, Dunster, Kitimat, McBride, Massett, Merritt, North Vancouver, Powell River, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Saltspring, Sandspit, Sechelt, Sidney, Skidegate, Squamish (Howe Sound area), Surrey, Valemount, Vanderhoof, Victoria and West Vancouver.

A regional training is planned this fall for Courtenay. In this region, coordination initiatives have come together to plan a joint event; this provides excellent opportunities for information sharing and networking as well as offering a more cost effective way for CCWS to provide important training. In the Robson Valley, CCWS is assisting area service providers to develop a regional coordination initiative for an area that covers over 225 kilometres and 7 communities from Albreda to Dome Creek.

Morgen will participate in a two-day meeting September 29-30 in Prince George to discuss a proposed Northern Violence and Health Network. Participants will strategize about developing a strong network to respond to the health needs of abused women in northern BC.

TRAINING NOTES

In collaboration with the Justice Institute of BC, Gail will deliver a session of the Empowerment Training in Nelson on September 20. Morgen will deliver a session in Victoria on October 20. In May and June Gail and Morgen co-facilitated pilot sessions of the empowerment training in Prince George, Vancouver and New Westminster. Gail provided the narration for a video version of the empowerment training developed by the Justice Institute. The Empowerment Training offers valuable basic skills for systems and community workers who are responding to violence against women in relationships.

CCWS Issues Analyst Gisela Ruebsaat will participate in delivering a training on sexual assault intervention to workers in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver on October 28 and 29. This training has been designed to enhance the support available to women in the Downtown Eastside who have been assaulted and whose access to services is severely limited.

CCWS FUNDERS

Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services
National Crime Prevention Centre: Crime Prevention Partnership Program ~

Gisela, Gail and Morgen will present workshops on "The Myth of Mutual Battering" in Cranbrook September 29 and in Prince George and the Robson Valley in early 2005.

CROSS-REGIONAL DISCUSSION GROUPS PLANNED

This year's Cross-Regional Discussion Groups have been scheduled for January and February 2005. The January discussions will focus on Assaultive Men's Treatment programs, and the February discussions will focus on prevention, including the concept of community coordination as prevention.

Each call will allow for twenty participants, including CCWS staff and a number of CCWS Working Group members. The calls will provide an opportunity for experts from community and systems based programs to identify and discuss key emerging issues in these areas so that this information can be acted upon by the CCWS staff and Working Group.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES

CCWS is seeking out potential funders and developing proposals to continue our work. During this process we are tracking our findings and have created a document that offers helpful information for anti-violence projects seeking ongoing and project funding in the area of violence against women. The document lists federal and provincial funders and their particular areas of interest, as well as application requirements and deadlines. Download the document from our website or contact Laura-Ashley for a copy. We would also appreciate hearing from you if you have ideas for additions to the list.

PARTNERSHIP GUIDE AVAILABLE EARLY 2005

As part of our funding from the National Crime Prevention Centre for our project "Partnerships as a Primary Tool in Community Coordination for Women's Safety," CCWS is developing a guide for those interested in creating partnerships to address violence against women. This guide draws on the expertise of partnerships across BC and provides practical information and ideas particularly aimed at rural and isolated communities. We plan to publish and distribute the guide by early 2005.

CCWS WORKING GROUP NEWS

Our Working Group continues to be an essential part of our provincial solutions management work. A number of our members are currently preparing to present workshops at the Fall Training Forum. Gisela Ruebsaat

is collaborating with Working Group member Anita Pascoe of the Pacific Association of First Nations Women to prepare for a presentation to the RCMP Aboriginal Advisory Committee in January 2005 on some of the current issues facing Aboriginal women survivors of violence.

At our October meeting we look forward to welcoming a few new members, including Karen Stone, Executive Director of the BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses.

NEW CCWS DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Please contact Sarah to request a copy of any of these documents. Most of these documents are also posted on our website, www.endingviolence.org.

- *CCWS Online Resources*
- *Possible Funding Sources for Anti-Violence Programs in BC*
- *Findings on the Benefits of Coordination*
- *List of Coordination Initiatives in BC*
- *CCWS Services Available (brochure on our services)*
- *Protection Orders: Policies, Public Legal Education Materials and Other Available Resources*

New links to outside documents have been added to our website. These include:

- *BC Ministry of Attorney General's Violence Against Women in Relationships Policy*
- *Crown Counsel Spousal Assault Policy 2004*
- *Violence Against Women with Disabilities* by Monika Chappell of DAWN Canada

We have also added links to the websites of *Survivors in Service* and *Women Aware*, two organizations composed of survivors of violence.

In the works: Watch your email for information on a coordination listserv.

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