

ENDING VIOLENCE

Association of BC

New Member Application Form For the Fiscal Year: April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010

Eligible programs for full membership are Stopping the Violence Counselling Programs, Stopping the Violence Outreach Programs, Multicultural Outreach Programs and Community Based Victim Assistance Programs, providing spousal assault, sexual assault and/or child sexual abuse services. (Membership is not available for combined specialized/police-based programs.) Your application will be considered at the next meeting of the EVA BC Board of Directors. Upon acceptance, your cheque will be processed, you will be added to the membership roster and mailing list, and you will receive a New Member Package. **Membership Fee is at a sliding scale from \$60 to \$160. Please consider paying what you can.**

Society Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Please complete what is applicable to your agency from the following:

- We have a **Community Based Victim Assistance Program.**

Program Name: _____

Contact Name(s)/Position(s): _____

- We have a **Stopping the Violence Counselling Program.**

Program Name: _____

Contact Name(s)/Position(s): _____

- We have a **STV Outreach / Multicultural Outreach Program.**

Program Name: _____

Contact Name(s)/Position(s): _____

We have reviewed the criteria for membership of the Ending Violence Association of BC, and have read and agree with the articles of the Statement of Beliefs. In making this application, we agree to undertake the responsibilities of membership as outlined in the attached package of information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility for Membership

The Bylaws of the Society outline the criteria for membership.

2.1 *There will be two categories of membership in the Society, full and associate.*

- a) *Full members of the Society are eligible non-profit community-based programs receiving ongoing provincial funding for the purpose of providing non-residential services to survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence or child abuse (sexual or physical, recent or historical), and who support the purposes, beliefs and bylaws of the Society, and who have applied for membership and been accepted by the Society. In the case of multi-service organizations, only the eligible programs providing services to survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, or child abuse (sexual or physical, recent or historical) are eligible for membership and representation. Each eligible program in the same Society in the same geographic community will automatically be a member and this group of programs will be considered a member group.*
- b) *Eligible programs for membership are:*
 - i. *Sexual Assault Centres*
 - ii. *Woman Assault Centres*
 - iii. *Specialized Victim Services (not including specialized/police-based programs), providing, relationship violence, sexual assault and/or child abuse (sexual or physical, recent or historical) services;*
 - iv. *Stopping the Violence Counselling Programs*
 - v. *Outreach Programs*
 - vi. *Other similar programs as defined by the Board of Directors, through a motion supported by two thirds of the Directors present at a meeting of the Directors*
- c) *In the case of a Society providing eligible services from a satellite office in a separate community, a separate membership will be required. A satellite office is defined as: when an agency provides services that are directed to a specific geographic area and where staff are hired and work from an office that has been set up in that area.*
- d) *In the case of a Society that has more than two eligible program delivery locations in the same geographic area, the membership status will be defined by the Board of Directors*

Belief Statement (The Beliefs referred to in the criteria for membership.)

WE BELIEVE:

1. That all those who have been victimized have a right to support. They also have a right to accessible, appropriate therapy. Because we believe that the responsibility for abuse lies not only with individual offenders but with society, we also believe that services to empower those who have been abused should be a societal responsibility.
2. That those who have been victimized are never responsible for the violence perpetrated against them; and that services should have as their goal the empowerment of victim/survivors, and should be designed in collaboration with them.
3. That specialized support services should work to alleviate re-victimization by the justice, medical and social services systems.
4. That our philosophy puts into practice the values of respect, empowerment and choice.
5. That women have the right to self-determination over their bodies including reproductive choice and medical treatment.
6. That both male and female children are victims of violence.
7. That male violence against women and children happens because our society has created and tolerates a power imbalance and socialization process that devalues and victimizes women and children. In addition to sexism, we acknowledge the effects of discrimination on individuals in our society on the basis of race, age, religion, class, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities; anti-Semitism and colonialism.
8. That all women and children are affected by violence whether or not they are actual victims. Fear of sexual violence is a factor in controlling the development and behaviour of women and girls.
9. That specialized service providers have the right to appropriate financial compensation, including equal pay for work of equal value, good working conditions and benefits. Support, information and acknowledgement are essential to alleviate isolation, maintain health and continue to increase skills and knowledge.
10. That while we can support the efforts of those who provide services for offenders, ideally those services are provided by programs other than for people who have been victimized. There may be situations where it is appropriate to provide this kind of integrated service, such as in cases of same-sex relationship abuse. In these cases, attention to issues of safety, power and control are paramount.

Goals of the Association

The Ending Violence Association of British Columbia, has as its goals:

- To serve as a coordinating, centralized organization in British Columbia that supports and assists individual agencies providing victim and survivor-related support and counselling services
- To address the needs of programs supporting victims in British Columbia through training, education and information exchange, on issues related to providing service and support for people who have been traumatized by victimization.
- To provide programs across British Columbia with updated, accessible information regarding policy and legislative initiatives or changes and analysis of current relevant issues.
- To work in partnership with other provincial organizations, educational institutions and other key organizations in related fields to ensure that member programs are in a strong position to guide and improve our service to victims of violence in this province.
- To act as a credible and visible liaison between Government and community through coordinating involvement in consultative processes. As well, by analyzing legislation and policy through a lens that looks at gender, race, class and other forms of marginalization, this organization works to be proactive in assisting government to identify to remove barriers to the safety of all peoples.
- To manage programs and projects that assist all women's efforts to achieve safety, equality and dignity at the individual and systemic levels.
- To educate the public on the issue of victims of violence, particularly women and children who are victims of child physical and sexual abuse; wife assault; sexual assault; criminal harassment and adult survivors of child sexual abuse, including female and male children and adults.
- To provide support, information-sharing and acknowledgment to specialized support and counselling service providers in an effort to alleviate isolation, maintain healthy organizations and continue to increase skills and knowledge, including the coordination of province-wide training based on needs identified by individual programs.
- To act as a consultant to individual programs in the area of program administration and clinical practice and to offer consultative services to offender-serving programs to prevent the re-victimization of victims of violence.
- To coordinate with other sectors, namely, justice, health, and social service systems in an effort to increase their knowledge and understanding of related issues to reduce re-victimization and increase support and safety for those who have been victimized.

Responsibilities of Members

- To provide such information as the Association may need to advocate or conduct business for its' members.
- To be proactive in contact with the Association through the regional representatives.
- To attend the Annual General Meeting and to support their representative in taking part in the governance of the Association.
- To pay annual membership dues as determined by the membership.
- To operate programs in a manner which reflects the beliefs of the Association.

Governance

The Board has a maximum of 12 members, a minimum of five, and is comprised of:

Region #1	North Vancouver Island	1 representative	Region #5	Interior	1 representative
Region #2	South Vancouver Island	1 representative	Region #6	Okanagan	1 representative
Region #3	Lower Mainland	1 representative	Region #7	East Kootenays	1 representative
Region #4	Fraser Valley	1 representative	Region #8	West Kootenays	1 representative
Region #3/4	Floating Optional:		Region #9	North West	1 representative
	Lower Mainland		Region #10	North Central	1 representative
	OR Fraser Valley	1 representative	Region #11	North East	1 representative

Membership is set at a sliding scale from \$60 to \$160.

Please consider paying what you can.

Mail your cheque to:

EVA BC
Attention Membership
#728-602 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
V6B 1P2

Please fill in the amount you are paying:

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