



Comité d'action du premier ministre  
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### **1) Mom2Mom Sale in Support of Anderson House at the Eastlink Centre, April 29**

It's that time of year again! The Spring/Summer Mom2Mom sale will be happening at the Eastlink Centre on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Please feel free to print and distribute the flyer attached. There will be over 100 tables jam-packed with children's clothing, toys, books, sports equipment and more! Lots of goodies for both boys and girls from newborn - 12 years (shopping sections include: babies-24m; boys all ages; girls all ages; and boy and girls mixed all ages). Whether this is your first baby or your 7th, this is the place to get all that you need. Spread the word!

Parents and caregivers: gather together any outgrown baby and kids clothing, toys and gear and bring them down to the 2017 Spring/Winter Mom2Mom Sale sponsored by Used PEI. Tables are on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you would like to book a table or are looking for more information, please contact Lindsay at [lindsay@fvps.ca](mailto:lindsay@fvps.ca) or 902-213-5183 (please do not send a message through facebook). The cost per table is \$20 (max 2 tables per person).

Admission is \$2/person and ALL PROCEEDS benefit Anderson House. Strollers are welcome; however, to help cut down on congestion baby carries and umbrella strollers are encouraged!

\* Please note: This sale is for the purpose of selling used children's clothing, toys, books, sports equipment, etc. Businesses are not permitted to set up full tables to sell their items. If you do have a business targeted towards children and you would like to be a vendor at this sale you are required to also sell used children's items and not devote your entire table to your business.

## **2) Online Survey on Resilience of Victims of Violent Crime**

A new study seeks to learn what makes victims of violent crime resilient. The study, conducted by researchers from Algonquin College and the University of Ottawa in partnership with the Victim Justice Network, is asking participants how they coped after trauma and tragedy, and how they found support and inner strength.

Most of the current research in Victimology focuses on the negative impacts of victimization, including physical, emotional, financial, and social impacts. By contrast, this project would like to highlight the resilience of victims and learn how victims grow and enhance their strengths through some of the most traumatic experiences of their lives.

The survey is open to all victims and survivors of crime (including sexual violence, intimate partner violence, homicide, human trafficking, stalking, and any other type of abuse). Participants must be over the age of 18, and their case must not currently be the subject of a criminal trial. You can access the survey by clicking [here](#).

See the attached document with information on frequently asked questions. For more information contact: Leah Moody [moodyl@algonquincollege.com](mailto:moodyl@algonquincollege.com)

## **3) Amnesty International Investigating Online Violence and Harassment Against Women on Social Media Platforms**

Amnesty International is investigating the human rights implications of online violence and harassment against women on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Reddit. We are looking for stories from women who have experienced violent threats and harassment online specifically related to their gender as well as any other intersecting forms of identity (e.g. race, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity or expression, etc.) as well as from individuals who may identify as non-binary but have also received misogynistic abuse online.

As part of the research for the VAW Online project, we have set up a [questionnaire](#) to be promoted through social media channels and networks asking women about their experiences of online violence on Facebook, Twitter, and Reddit. The purpose of the questionnaire is to collect qualitative information and case studies from women about specific experiences of online abuse specifically targeting their gender and/or other intersecting forms of their identity. Any information they submit will be reviewed and corroborated through a follow up interview with the respondent if it will be published as part of Amnesty's research.

We are hoping that by promoting the [questionnaire](#) through our networks that we will be able to include stories of online violence from 'everyday women' whose experiences are more difficult to collect. We are also actively looking for stories from journalists, bloggers, women's rights activists, and women engaged in politics and who have experienced online violence.

Full link to online questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YGBB35Z>

We would appreciate it greatly if you could pass this questionnaire on to your networks. And if you have questions about the project you can reach out to Kaitlyn Denzler at [kdenzler@aiusa.org](mailto:kdenzler@aiusa.org).

#### 4) PAC Member Judy Clark to Receive UPEI Honourary Degree, May 13

UPEI announced that PAC Member Judy Clark is one four people recognized as leaders in their respective fields who will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Convocation ceremonies on May 13, 2017.

##### **Elder Judith Clark (excerpt from UPEI announcement – see link to full announcement, below)**

Judy Clark is a Mi'kmaq woman from Epekwitk and a member of Abegweit First Nation. She has served as the president for the Aboriginal Women's Association of PEI for five terms since 2008, and prior to that as vice-president. In this volunteer position, Ms. Clark has raised the profile of the organization and proven to be a strong advocate for the interests of Aboriginal families, particularly in reducing violence against Aboriginal women and girls. She has been involved in honouring the missing and murdered Indigenous women through the Sisters in Spirit national campaign since its inception. This past summer, Ms. Clark facilitated eight study sessions at the Confederation Centre Library for the public to read and understand the summary of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As a respected Mi'kmaq Elder, Ms. Clark is often called upon for her spiritual support and to share her teachings with her community members. She holds a Certificate in Conflict Resolution Studies from UPEI and serves as a Circle Keeper with the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI Justice Program, on the RCMP Commissioner's National Aboriginal Advisory Committee, and on the RCMP-PEI Commanding Officer's Aboriginal Advisory Committee. She is a long-time supporter of UPEI and, since 2001, has served as Knowledge Keeper for the Faculty of Education, guest lecturing many classes to provide insights and context on a range of Indigenous issues. She has also made herself available to

UPEI in an advisory role to both senior administration and the Mawi'omi Aboriginal Student Centre.

Full announcement: <http://www.upei.ca/communications/news/2017/03/four-honorary-degrees-be-conferred-upei-convocation>

### 5) Learning Network Newsletter on Femicide of Women Who Are Older

*1 in 5 women murdered in Ontario from 1974 to 2012 was 55 years or older.*

This newsletter (see attached), written in partnership with Elder Abuse Ontario and the Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence, features highlights from Danielle Sutton and Myrna Dawson's important research findings (available in [Learning Network Brief 31](#)), examining the killing of 452 older women (55 yrs. & older) in Ontario over a 38-year period (1974 to 2012). We have included commentary on select research findings, offer considerations for working with women who are older, and resources.

Link to newsletter:

[http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/sites/vawlearningnetwork.ca/files/Newsletter\\_Issue\\_19-Online\\_0.pdf](http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/sites/vawlearningnetwork.ca/files/Newsletter_Issue_19-Online_0.pdf)

### 6) Recording of Elder Abuse Webinar on Home Takeovers Now Available

**Home Takeovers** - When someone moves in and won't move out.

This interesting webinar from a few weeks ago is now available in the archive

<http://www.elderabuseontario.com/training-education/training/webinars/>

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### REMINDER DETAILS

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### 1) New Handbook Helps Provincial Government Support Employees Affected by Family Violence

A new handbook will help the provincial government recognize and respond to employees affected by family violence.

The handbook, Guidelines for Addressing Family Violence and the Workplace will help managers and supervisors recognize the signs of family violence and provide guidance to support employees affected by family violence, along with contact information for community resources and trained professionals. It does not replace the services of trained professionals.

The handbook was developed through the collaborative efforts of the Interministerial Women's Secretariat, the Public Service Commission and the departments of Justice and Family and Human Services.

For a copy of the guide, visit [http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/hrppm\\_s9.06.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/hrppm_s9.06.pdf)

Private sector employers are encouraged to adapt the guide for their own use.

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***THANK YOU!***

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**Premier's Action Committee on**

**Family Violence Prevention Vision Statement**

**A society where all individuals are safe, respected and valued; where any form of violence is unacceptable; and where children, women, and men have opportunities to reach their full potential and contribute to the overall well-being of all families and communities.**

[www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca](http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca)