



Comité d'action du premier ministre
sur la prévention de la violence familiale

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1) Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research Call for Papers for October 2019 Conference, deadline April 29

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton has issued a Call for Papers (English and French) from researchers, graduate students, and community partners for our October 2019 conference. Submission deadline is April 29. Please see the attachments for further details.

2) Training: Family Law for Non-Lawyers April 30 and May 1

A two day training sponsored by the PEI Parenting Coordination Society is open to social workers, therapists, teachers, guidance counselors, mediators, family service workers and any professionals who want a better understanding of how family law works on PEI.

April 30 and May 1, 2019

St. Peter’s Hall, Charlottetown

Registration: \$125 Lunch included both days

Topics will include:

- An overview of the legal process and Court procedures.
- An understanding of major legal terms pertaining to family law matters.
- An overview of Family Law related legislation.

For more information, please contact: fcco@gov.pe.ca and see the attached flyer.

3) New Family Law Essentials Workshop

Community Legal Information will be offering *Family Law Essentials – A Workshop for Newcomers*. This program will use a train-the-trainer model to engage and educate newcomers to Canada about their rights and responsibilities regarding family law. Those trained will become facilitators who deliver family law presentations in Mandarin or Arabic.

Community Legal Information has developed and translated our publication, *Family Law on PEI*, into six languages to share information about family law. The presentations will animate the information from *Family Law on PEI*. The recruitment of presenters is currently underway.

This initiative is funded by the Interministerial Women’s Secretariat - Violence Against Women Prevention Grant. For more information please contact Darcie Lanthier, Project Manager, at 902-368-4017 or email darcie@cliapei.ca.

4) New Bus Route Improves Access to Addiction Treatment

A new public transportation route to the Provincial Addiction Treatment Facility in Mount Herbert makes it easier for Islanders to access addictions treatment and supports. Health PEI is partnering with the Coach Atlantic Group on the new bus route that will visit the Provincial Addiction Treatment Facility multiple times per day, Monday to Friday, at no cost to clients.

Bus service is available Monday to Fridays from Charlottetown to Mount:

- 9:50 a.m. leave Confederation Centre bus stop for Mount Herbert (arrive 10:05 a.m. with immediate return to Charlottetown)
- 10:50 a.m. leave Confederation Centre bus stop for Mount Herbert (arrive 11:05 a.m. with immediate return to Charlottetown)
- 12:15 p.m. leave Confederation Centre bus stop for Mount Herbert (arrive at 12:30 p.m. with immediate return to Charlottetown)

On Wednesdays, an additional bus run will arrive at Mount Herbert at 2:50 p.m. to accommodate group programming that takes place that day.

The Provincial Addiction Treatment Facility provides safe, supportive and medically supervised withdrawal management from alcohol and drugs, addiction education, and encouragement to further treatment. For more information, go to

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pei/addiction-services>.

5) New Video Released “Silent Witness Journeys: Two Women’s Stories”

A documentary entitled *The Silent Witness Journey: Two Women’s Stories* was launched on March 25 in Fredericton during a symposium on intimate partner violence and homicide. The video chronicles the creation of Silent Witness silhouettes of two First Nation women who died from gender-based violence.

The silhouettes commemorate the lives of Rowena Sharpe and Geraldine Paul, both from St. Mary’s First Nation, who were murdered by their partners in 2012 and 1981, respectively.

The project was led by the Fergusson Foundation in partnership with the Women’s Equality Branch and the Department of Public Safety of the Government of New Brunswick, the Silent Witness Project, St. Mary’s First Nation and the families of Sharpe and Paul.

The link to the film can be found at <https://www.gnb.ca/violenceprevention>

6) New Statistics Canada Publication: Police-reported violence among same-sex intimate partners in Canada, 2009 to 2017

This article uses data reported by police services for 2009 through 2017 to examine the nature of violent crime that takes place within same-sex intimate relationships—that is, spousal, boyfriend, girlfriend and other intimate relationships.

Here is the link to the report in PDF format:

English <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/85-002-x/2019001/article/00005-eng.pdf?st=taZ696tU>

French <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2019001/article/00005-fra.htm>

Here is a link to the infographic created from the report:

English <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2019020-eng.pdf>

French <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2019020-fra.pdf>

REMINDER DETAILS

1) 2019 Seniors' Secretariat Community Grants - Call for Applications, deadline April 15

In 2019, the seniors' Secretariat is looking for projects that can promote positive images of aging, support age-in-place initiatives, reduce the social isolation of seniors and promote the financial security and safety of seniors.

Funding application date- **March 1 through April 15.**

Applications and Guidelines for 2019 can be found here:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/family-and-human-services/seniors-secretariat-grant>

2) Blooming House – Out of the Cold Pilot Project, ends April 30

Blooming House Women's Shelter Inc. is a registered nonprofit whose primary goal is to provide safe overnight shelter for women in the Charlottetown area age 18 and older experiencing homelessness. The goal of the pilot project is to open a temporary nightly shelter for up to 8 women from January 25 to April 30th, 2019. The shelter will serve as a low-barrier, harm-reduction, safe space. The guests will not be required to show ID, or to be sober to access the shelter. Extensive safety protocols are in place to ensure the safety of all guests. For more information contact Tavie at 902-482-0680 or via email at tavie.bloominghouse@gmail.com

3) New Tenant Support Worker will Assist Island Renters

The provincial government and the Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island (CLIA) are collaborating to increase support for Island renters by creating a tenant support worker position. The organization already provides this type of support but will now be able to play a bigger role in helping Island renters. Seeing an increasing need for more tailored legal information and support for tenants, the Province has contracted with CLIA to provide tenants more help with rental concerns, support navigating the Rental of Residential Tenants complaint process, as well as linking to housing supports.

CLIA is a non-profit registered charity, which provides free legal information to Islanders across the province. CLIA will also be collaborating with IRAC to deliver workshops about PEI's Rental of Residential Property Act for both tenants and landlords and will develop easy to understand materials about tenant rights to be available in print and online.

To access CLIA's tenant supports Islanders can call (902) 892-0853 or 1-800-240-9798.

4) Changes to Men Matter Intake Process

There have been some changes to how men can get involved in the Men Matter Program, a group program for men who have experienced sexual abuse. For men who wish to participate, please call PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre at 902-566-1864 to book an appointment. See information sheet, attached.

THANK YOU!

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.

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