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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) Save the Date: “An Overview of Child Protection: the Legal Perspective, June 7

Presented by Justice Terri MacPherson (PEI Supreme Court), Mitch O'Shea (Departmental Solicitor, Justice and Public Safety), and Jonathan Matters (Legal Aid Lawyer, Charlottetown)

A one day workshop on Child Protection actions and the legal process; the three stages of Court application; Director's involvement and Court procedure; how the Director reports to the Court; the social worker's role in Court, and much more (a full agenda will follow).

Sponsored by the PEI Parenting Coordination Society.

For more information please contact fcco@gov.pe.ca

2) Call for Volunteers: PEI Chapter of PFlag Canada

Pflag Canada is proud to be Canada's only national organization that offers peer-to-peer support striving to help all Canadians with issues of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

The PEI Chapter of PFlagCanada is looking for passionate volunteers who:

- Identify as LGBTQIA+ or who are friends, family members or allies;
- Want to make a positive difference in Island communities;
- Want to make PEI safe and inviting for everyone.

Those interested should contact Daniel Boudreau pei@pflagcanada.ca

Please see attached flyer for more information.

3) Enhance Women's Safety by Keeping Pets Safe: An Infographic

This infographic shares research showing that pet's safety is often at risk in domestic violence situations, and how fears for their pet's safety may impact women's efforts to seek shelter. In response to this problem, they highlight what Ontario shelters are doing to accommodate pets and what you can do to help them.

This infographic is a joint product between the Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses and the Western University's Learning Network.

REMINDER DETAILS

1) 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.

2) 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>.

3) 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>

4) 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>

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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