



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

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Please join us for the PEI presentation of this dynamic pan-Canadian workshop that teaches people of all ages to recognize warning signs of abuse of older adults and to respond safely and supportively.

The workshop is intended to provide practical information to help service providers and the public respond when elder abuse is suspected (see flyers attached).

The agenda will include:

- Learning to recognize warning signs and risk factors
- Discussion about ageism
- Scenarios – video presentations of situations of abuse and neglect
- Building skills: how to respond safely and supportively / how to have a conversation about suspected abuse

True-to-life scenarios will be used to facilitate discussion and to build skills.

**Summerside**

Where: Credit Union Place (Notre Dame Street, Summerside)

When: April 20 2015

Time: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Charlottetown**

Where: Murchison Centre (17 St. Pius X Ave, Charlottetown)

When: April 21 2015

Time: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

**To Register:** Please call 1-866-770-0588. This event is free but pre-registration is required **by April 17th**. Don't miss out!

This workshop is made possible through a New Horizons for Seniors funded project of the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children (Western University), the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the National Institute for the Care of the Elderly.

For information on *It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families* see <http://itsnotright.ca/>

**2) Registration for the 2015 National Victims of Crime Awareness Week Symposia in Ottawa, Vancouver and Halifax is now open!**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual National Victims of Crime Awareness Week is being held from April 19-25, 2015. Three federal symposia will be held across the country in order to raise awareness about victim issues and the programs, services, and laws in place to help victims of crime and their families participate more fully in the criminal justice system.

Join us as we commemorate 10 years of raising awareness about the issues facing victims of crime and the services available to them with three federal symposia on current and upcoming issues for victims of crime in:

- The National Capital Region on Monday, April 20, 2015 at the Hilton Lac Leamy;
- Vancouver on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel; and
- Halifax on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Saint Mary's University.

Registration for each symposium is free and includes access to all plenary sessions and workshops <http://www.victimswweek.gc.ca/symp-colloque/regis-enregis.html>;  
Fr <http://www.semainedesvictimes.gc.ca/accueil-home.html>.

As space is limited, we encourage you to register early. Registration is on a first come-first served basis. Please note that participation for federal government employees is limited and needs to be accompanied by the approval of a Director General level supervisor. The deadline for registration is April 13, 2015. The agendas for each symposium will be available shortly.

For more information and registration, please visit the Victims Week website:

<http://www.victimswweek.gc.ca/home-accueil.html>

Fr <http://www.semainedesvictimes.gc.ca/accueil-home.html>.

### **3) Benefit for PEI Family Violence Prevention Services: Ash & Bloom with Special Guests Amy & Rachel Beck, April 30**

The dynamic duo, Ash & Bloom will be making a stop in Charlottetown on their 2015 Eastern Canadian "Your Town" tour (see flyer attached). Hosted by Alan Buchanan, the show takes place Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at The Guild, and features an opening performance by Island favorite's Amy and Rachel Beck. Tickets are \$20 and benefit PEI Family Violence Prevention Services.

Tickets are available at The Guild's box office 902-620-3333 or online at [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca)

### **4) SAVE THE DATE Federal-Provincial-Territorial Status of Women Forum: Sexual Violence Knowledge Exchange, June 17**

When: 8:00am-4:00pm Central Time, June 17

Where: Winnipeg RBC Convention Centre

(See flyers attached) **PEI webcast viewing sites to be announced**

This dynamic and timely event will bring together leading minds from across the country to raise awareness and understanding of sexual violence in the Canadian context.

Details will follow about guest speakers and how to register

- approximately 200 spaces will be available for in-person attendance
- the event will be webcast for wider audience participation
- there is no cost to attend

**5) ASI 2015 Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health, August 17-19**

Registration is now open for an Atlantic Canadian event which will bring together individuals from across the region with an interest in child and youth mental health.

The goal of the two-day Symposium: ***Investing in Child and Youth Mental Health – Mobilizing Atlantic Canadians for a Positive Future*** is to learn about mental health in Atlantic Canada, build networks and identify strategies for enhancing programs and policies in schools, communities and provinces. The event is designed for everyone who promotes positive mental health, including researchers, policy-makers and advocates, as well as parents, caregivers, and youth.

The Symposium will feature speakers, presentations and interactive workshops on:

- Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) – key to mental health promotion & well-being
- Parent, Youth and Community Engagement
- Integrated Service Delivery (School based)
- Experiences of and access to services
- Collective impact to improve mental health of children and youth

The preliminary program is available at [www.asi-iea.ca](http://www.asi-iea.ca). More details about speakers, subsidies and early bird rates (before May 31) coming soon!

The Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health is a collaborative event organized by the Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities (ASI), in partnership with two key Canadian projects: Socially and Emotionally Aware Kids (SEAK) and Atlantic Canada Children’s Effective Service Strategies in Mental Health (ACCESS-MH).

To register, visit [www.asi-iea.ca](http://www.asi-iea.ca).

**Early Bird registration rates will be available until May 31, 2015.**

Contact the Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities for more information about the Symposium: [info@asi-iea.ca](mailto:info@asi-iea.ca); (902) 894-3399.

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**REMINDER DETAILS**

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**Where:** Rodd Charlottetown, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

**When:** April 9, 7-8:30pm

**(See flyer attached)**

This event is free.

*How Far would you go to tell a story?* In 2004, writer and Voices and Faces Project founder Anne Ream and documentary photographer Patricia Evans embarked on a unique journey. Their goal was to document the stories of women and men who have been shaped — but refuse to be defined— by their histories of gender-related violence. “Lived Through This: Listening to the Stories of Sexual Violence Survivors,” Anne and Patricia’s critically praised book of sexual violence survivor profiles, was the end result of this multi-country, multi-year journey.

In the interactive lecture/photography and slide presentation The Voices and Faces Project will bring to PEI in April, 2015, Ream reflects on the lessons she’s learned from the remarkable women and men she’s interviewed, considers new models for creating a safer and more just world for victims, and challenges conventional thinking on how survivors heal — all through the sharing of the stories of those she’s interviewed. Anne’s presentation — which debuted at the Clinton Presidential Center in 2014, and has since traveled to 13 US states — will make its Canadian debut at our conference, with a special emphasis on a community of survivors from Prince Edward Island who were interviewed and photographed for this award-winning documentary project.

This free event is hosted by the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre & The Voices and Faces Project, thanks to funding from the Donner Canadian Foundation with additional support from the Premier’s Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention.

## 2) ***Nobody’s Victim: Language, Culture and Change. A presentation and conversation with author and cultural critic R. Clifton Spargo, April 10***

**Where:** Rodd Charlottetown, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

**When:** April 10, 11:45am-1:30pm

**(See flyer attached)**

**To Register:** This event is free but space is limited, so you need to pre-register by calling 902-566-1864 or by e-mail at [admin@peirsac.org](mailto:admin@peirsac.org). Lunch will be provided.

Gender-related violence is represented in the media — and popular culture — more often, and less carefully, than ever before. How do media representations of rape and abuse shape public attitudes? What role does language play as advocates and activists seek to frame the issue of sexual violence, while calling the public to action? Why is the creation of new forms of media so critical to challenging a world that too often allows, and even encourages, violence against women? How are survivors “taking the narrative back” through the sharing of their own testimonies? In *Nobody’s Victim: Language, Culture and Change*,” author and cultural critic R. Clifton Spargo — who writes The Hi/Lo column for Huffington Post, and co-created “The Stories We Tell,” North America’s first testimonial writing program for survivors of gender-related violence— explores these and other questions, challenging us to consider the ways that our use of language is driving the movement to end violence forward — and too often holding it back.

Hosted by the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre & The Voices and Faces Project, thanks to funding from the Donner Canadian Foundation with additional support from the Premier’s Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention.

### 3) Status of Women Call for Proposals: Working in Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Status of Women Canada is soliciting funding proposals for projects that will contribute to ending violence against women and girls in Canada.

Proposed projects can address a wide variety of issues related to violence against women and girls, but must include, and will be assessed on, the following points:

- focus on improving or transforming the environment that perpetuates or contributes to violence against women and girls or that puts women and girls at risk of violence;
- confirmed key decision-makers and community leaders to work towards ending violence against women and girls within the project; and
- potential to create sustainable change beyond the life of the project.

For more information see <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/fun-fin/cfp-adp/2015-1/index-eng.html>

The **deadline for applications** under this Call for Proposals is **noon (12:00 p.m) Pacific Daylight Time, April 17, 2015.**

### 4) Public Health Agency of Canada Call for Proposals to address domestic violence and child abuse

The Public Health Agency of Canada is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit applications to establish and advance community-based and multi-sectoral projects to address the health needs of victims of domestic violence and child abuse and those at risk of these forms of violence.

For details see <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/sfv-avf/proposal-proposition/index-eng.php>

News release: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/sfv-avf/proposal-proposition/index-eng.php>  
This Call for Proposals is a two-step process. The first step is the submission of a Letter of Intent. Applicants whose Letters of Intent are successful will be invited to submit a full proposal. There is no deadline for Letters of Intent. They are welcomed on a continuous basis.

The Public Health Agency of Canada is committed to fostering collaborations that will increase the reach and impact of our investments. As appropriate, we work with applicants who have been successful in the Letter of Intent phase to turn good ideas into great collaborations that benefit more Canadians.

### 5) New CLIA publication: *Grandparents Parenting on PEI*

Legal Information for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Island families have a long history of extended family members playing a big role in raising children. However, it is becoming more common for grandparents to take on the role of primary caregiver to their grandchildren.

In 2014, CLIA received funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program to create a legal booklet for grandparents raising their grandchildren. The development of this resource was informed by telephone surveys, online surveys, and focus groups with grandparents to hear directly from grandparents themselves regarding their needs.

*Grandparents Parenting on PEI* is available for download at <http://www.cliapei.ca/sitefiles/File/publications/PLA17.pdf>

Hard copy booklets will be available soon. To receive a free copy by mail, please email [clia@cliapei.ca](mailto:clia@cliapei.ca).

#### **6) MEN MATTER, new group programs for men who have experienced sexual abuse**

MEN MATTER offers group programs for men who have experienced sexual abuse. The groups are free and confidential, and are led by experienced professionals. The PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre (PEIRSAC) is administering the program and the Catholic Family Services Bureau (CFSB) is the point of contact for men wishing to participate. For more information call Chris at the CFSB at 902-894-3515 or Sigrid at PEIRSAC at 902-566-1864.

#### **7) Be A Foster Parent**

Foster parents of all ages are needed across Prince Edward Island. Foster parents play an important role in our community by providing care to children in the legal custody and guardianship of the Director of Child Protection, on a short or long term basis.

Foster parents may be from many different backgrounds and life experiences. Some are married with families of their own and some are single; some live in common law relationships or with same sex partners. There are foster parents who own their own homes and foster parents who rent.

What all foster parents have in common is a commitment to caring for children who are coping with a very difficult time in their young lives. Children need foster parents who are committed to caring for them.

The role of a foster parent can be demanding and challenging however the reward of making a positive and lasting impact in the life of a child makes it all worthwhile.

Foster parents change lives one child at a time. They believe in investing in the future of our children. Please consider making this very important investment.

To learn more, visit our website [www.beafosterparent.ca](http://www.beafosterparent.ca)  
Email [beafosterparent@gov.pe.ca](mailto:beafosterparent@gov.pe.ca) or call 902-368-5330

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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)