



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

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1) Plum Pudding to benefit Community Legal Information Association and the PEI Humane Society, available starting December 1

Handmade from a traditional war-time family recipe, Pat Robinson’s famous plum puddings are vegetarian-friendly, low in fat and low in sugar! These puddings are the perfect way to end a holiday meal and make excellent last-minute gifts to keep on hand in the freezer. Each pudding is beautifully gift-wrapped with a recipe card for the sauce attached. The cost is \$15. All profits go to Community Legal Information Association and the PEI Humane Society.

Please help us to continue assisting Islanders with legal education, information and support. To learn more about **Community Legal Information Association** and the important work we do, visit: www.cliapei.ca

Please help us to continue helping homeless and abandoned animals. To learn more about the **PEI Humane Society** and the important work done there, visit: <http://www.peihumanesociety.com>

Pick up arrangements to be made with Pat. Puddings available after Dec. 1st!

For info or to order: 902-566-4388 or plumpudding@eastlink.ca

We need your name, phone number and how many you would like to order!

2) Training for seniors on Protecting Yourself Financially As You Age, December 3

Family Service PEI will carry out FREE hands on training for seniors on- Protecting Yourself Financially As You Age. This training will include topics such as: who can you trust, lending, giving, donating, scams, frauds, tips for safe banking and planning for your future. This training session is open to all and will take place at the Mount Continuing Care Community, 141 Mount Edward Road, Charlottetown, on Wednesday December 3rd from 10am- 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided for participants. Space is limited so please call 902-892-2441 to reserve your spot.

To learn more about the *It’s Your Right- Protecting Yourself Financially As You Age* toolkit and upcoming training sessions please visit www.itsyourright.ca

3) Memorial Service for Victims of Violence, December 5

December 6 is the *National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women*. On and around December 6th, candle-lighting services remember 14 young women who in 1989 were murdered because they were women in what became known as the Montreal Massacre. We remember nine women since 1989 murdered on Prince Edward Island by men who knew them. Join others in your community to light a candle of remembrance, to remember, to reflect, and to act so these murders end.

Please NOTE difference in date of memorial service.

Charlottetown Memorial Service

12:00 noon, **Friday December 5**

Memorial Hall, Confederation Centre of the Arts

More info: [\(902\) 368-4510](tel:9023684510)

PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women

We remember 1989 ~ 25 Years since the Montreal Massacre

4) RESPECT Project Survey on Sexual Assault, deadline December 17

The PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre and Women's Network received funding from Status of Women Canada for a two year project that aims to address sexual violence in our community. The first step is to conduct a needs assessment, which will look at the services available for victims of sexual assault in PEI, and any barriers and challenges that limit capacity to respond effectively. The project will also identify initiatives that will increase awareness and prevent sexual violence.

This on-line survey is the first step in hearing ideas and opinions from Islanders. Community consultations, including focus groups and interviews, are also being planned to provide opportunities for input from as many Islanders as possible. You don't have to be a survivor of sexual assault to complete this survey. And while the survey focuses on girls and women, all genders are encouraged to respond!

Click on the following link to **take the survey by December 17, 2014**:

<http://www.fluidsurveys.com/surveys/nishka/sexual-assault-and-abuse-survey>

5) 2015 Family Violence Prevention Week Mini-Grants for Municipalities, due December 31

Encouraging Islanders to reflect upon, learn about, and take action on family violence prevention is important. To provide a little help with expenses that might come up in hosting a Family Violence Prevention Week event, PAC invites municipalities to apply for a \$100 mini-grant.

Municipalities are eligible to apply for a single grant in support of any event during Family Violence Prevention Week that is consistent with the PAC vision. Examples include an evening information session, a brown bag lunch with guest speaker or facilitated discussion of a video such as a Ted Talk, a display of family violence resources, a community walk, or your own creative idea to raise awareness of family violence prevention in your community.

The funding might help with printing, refreshments, venue, or other expenses. Up to 15 grants will be awarded. **Simple Application** (attached) is **due by 5:00pm on 31 December, 2014**, with decisions communicated very shortly thereafter.

Help your municipality with ideas and encourage your municipality to apply!

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 (see attached brochure). 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) PEI FVPS Inc. Financial Campaign to raise funds for Support Groups for Women

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services invites you to join the 2014/15 Annual Financial Campaign for PEI Family Violence Prevention (see attached flyer). This year's campaign will focus on funding for support groups - a very important piece for women on their journey to living a life free of violence. In a safe and supported environment, women are provided with empowering information and the tools needed to make positive changes in their lives. Perhaps the most powerful form of support - groups offer an opportunity for women to share their experiences with others facing similar challenges, reducing the feeling of isolation, so common amongst those who have suffered abuse. The Campaign Goal is \$24,000.

8) 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

Email beafosterparent@gov.pe.ca or call 902-368-5330

9) Save the Date 2015 Family Violence Prevention Week, February 8-14

PEI's 2015 Family Violence Prevention Week runs from February 8-14. Everyone is encouraged to get involved! Check www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/campaign2015

Français <http://stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/campagne2015> over the coming weeks for campaign updates!

Be sure to email details of planned activities in your community to pacadmin@gov.pe.ca so that we can include them in the province-wide schedule of events!

10) Fireside Chat and discussion on, “Family Violence Prevention – Building Trauma Informed Communities,” February 26

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is sponsoring a Fireside Chat and discussion on *Family Violence Prevention – Building Trauma Informed Communities* on February 26, 2015 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Atlantic Time.

People face many different types of trauma in their lives. Trauma disrupts healthy development, adversely affecting relationships, and contributing to mental health issues including substance abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse. It affects individuals, families and communities.

Who should attend: Early childhood practitioners, health care professionals, researchers, policy makers, and caregivers with an interest in understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of trauma.

This is a review and discussion of the concepts presented at the two day training held in PEI last spring with funding from PHAC.

To register go to:

English http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com_rsevents&view=events&layout=show&cid=339%3Afamily-violence-prevention--building-trauma-informed-communities--la-prevention-de-la-violence-familiale--sensibiliser-les-collectivites-aux-traumatismes&Itemid=6&lang=en

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Group viewing sites will be available in Charlottetown, Summerside and possibly other locations. Details to follow.

11) Coming April 2015! It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families for Older Adults Workshop

PEI's Elder Abuse Prevention Network and the PEI Seniors' Secretariat invite you to watch for upcoming details on a workshop planned for April 2015.

"It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families for Older Adults" workshop

This workshop teaches people of all ages to recognize warning signs of abuse of older adults and to respond safely and supportively.

REMINDER DETAILS

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The countdown to Christmas is on! There are several ways to help out FVPS this holiday season. Once again we are doing our Christmas Wish Program, which helps moms shop for kids who stayed at Anderson House or were part of our Outreach program in 2014. If you

are interested in helping a mom shop for her child please call 902-368-8658 and someone will pair you with a wish. Another great way to help out is to donate grocery store gift cards to help families shop for all those holiday meal extras.

THANK YOU and Happy Holidays!

**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