



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

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PEI's 2017 Campaign for Family Violence Prevention Week has officially launched. Go to [www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/2017campaign](http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/2017campaign) for the schedule of events and for ways you can help promote the Week. There are even ideas for businesses to participate.

**Check back for updates** as events and promotional activities will be added right up until the Week begins.

**Remember *Wear Purple Day*** will take place **Wednesday, February 15**. Get your purple clothes and accessories ready!

**Check out our three new Tip Sheets** with information on ways to help someone living with family violence. Taking action could help save a life.

Please encourage your friends, family and co-workers to actively participate with you!

**2) Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Atlantic Research Centre Webinars, February 6 and February 13**

The Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Atlantic Research Centre (UAKN Atlantic) would like to invite you to attend two Webinars, one on February 6 and one on February 13, 2017, from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Atlantic Standard time (see bilingual flyer attached).

February 6 WEBINAR 1: "Culturally Safe Programs & Services"

February 13 WEBINAR 2: "Community-Driven Approaches"

Urban Aboriginal community members will showcase the findings and lessons learned from their community-driven research focused on deepening our understanding of the needs and aspirations of urban Aboriginal populations in Atlantic Canada.

These webinars will share knowledge, lessons learned, and promising practices on how to develop and implement culturally-safe initiatives and carry out community-driven research supporting urban Aboriginal children, their families and caregivers.

*This webinar is also available in French by simultaneous interpretation.*

**Please see bilingual registration information in the attached document.**

**3) New Study Group: Women in Canada: 50 Years of Change, begins February 16**

Fifty years ago, on February 16, 1967, the historic Royal Commission on the Status of Women was launched. Using this landmark Royal Commission as a starting point, **a study group on women in Canada will meet bi-weekly** from February to April to consider women's equality decade by decade, from 1967-2017.

The study group will ask: *What was particularly relevant for women during each 10-year period? How has women's equality advanced in the last 50 years? Which women were left*

*out of consideration and remain underrepresented in decision-making today?*

The group **will launch Thursday February 16, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. and will focus on the years 1967-1977.** The sessions will be held at the Confederation Centre Public Library in Charlottetown. February is Black History Month and February 16th is midway through Family Violence Prevention Week. Lots to talk about!

Mark March 2, 16, and 30; and April 13 and 27 for future study group sessions. For more information, contact [902-368-4510](tel:902-368-4510) or [info@peistatusofwomen.ca](mailto:info@peistatusofwomen.ca) or visit <http://peiactsw.wordpress.com>

#### **4) Five Day Interest-Based Family Mediation Training, February 23 & 24, March 10,16 &17**

The Family Law Section of the Department of Justice and Public Safety and the Steering Committee of the Prince Edward Island Parenting Coordination Society is sponsoring a training in Interest-based Family Mediation. The training will be of interest to lawyers, social workers, psychologist, mental health professionals, mediators and other professionals who work with families in conflict. This training will be of particular interest to those interested in the emerging field of Parenting Coordination.

Instructor: **Kirstin Lund**

Dates: **February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

Location: **Saint Peters Cathedral, 7 All Souls Lane, Charlottetown**

Cost **\$590**

This 5-day training will cover the essentials of interest-based family mediation. While the context of the training is family mediation, the skills are easily translatable to any context where there is a need for individuals to resolve conflict.

**To register see details on registration form, attached.**

#### **5) The Risk Assessment, Risk Management and Safety Planning online survey for service providers, closes February 28**

The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (CDHPVIP) is conducting a research project to collect information on risk assessment, risk management, and safety planning for four populations identified as experiencing increased vulnerability for domestic homicide:

- Indigenous,
- Immigrants and refugees,
- Rural, remote, and northern populations,
- Children exposed to domestic violence.

The CDHPVIP is looking for people who **provide legal, health, educational, advocacy or social services** to individuals dealing with domestic violence as **victims, perpetrators or children living with domestic/intimate partner violence** to complete a brief, confidential online survey about your work, the groups you serve, and the tools you use.

The results of the survey will be used to provide information on the types of risk assessment, risk management, and safety planning available to vulnerable populations, and to identify individuals who may be interested in participating in a follow-up interview.

If you agree to participate in this research, you will be asked to respond to a series of online survey questions. The survey is 12 questions long and we anticipate will take you 7-10 minutes to complete. Your responses will be kept confidential and will only be presented in aggregate form. At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you are interested in participating in a 30-60 minute interview by phone or by Skype in the coming months.

The survey is available in English:

[https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_7UtzyiUW37vFCT3](https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_7UtzyiUW37vFCT3)

and

French: [https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe1/form/SV\\_7UtzyiUW37vFCT3?Q\\_Language=FR](https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe1/form/SV_7UtzyiUW37vFCT3?Q_Language=FR)

Please share this information - the survey will remain open until February 28, 2017.

## 6) **Upcoming Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Training for professionals working with families experiencing challenges post-separation, Winter/Spring 2017**

The Family Law Section of the Department of Justice and Public Safety and the Steering Committee of the Prince Edward Island Parenting Coordination Society in conjunction with the Prince Edward Island Law Foundation are pleased to invite you to a series of **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) trainings** for those working with high-conflict families. The trainings will be of interest to all professionals working with families in conflict but will be of particular interest to those interested in the emerging field of Parenting Coordination.

These trainings will be of interest to lawyers, social workers, psychologist, mental health professionals, mediators and other professionals who work with families experiencing challenges related to parenting after separation.

Trainings

1. Family Mediation – beginning February 23 (see item 4. in this PAC E-Bulletin for more details)
2. Family Arbitration – March 2 & 3
3. Parenting Coordination for Practitioners – Date and location to be announced

**See attached description of upcoming trainings for more information.**

## 7) **Legal Clinic for Self-Represented Litigants Launched**

Chief Justice David Jenkins has announced a "Summary Legal Services Clinic" that will offer advice to people who are going to court without a lawyer to represent them. Only Civil and Family Law cases will be eligible. Criminal trials are not included. The "clinic" is being staffed by volunteers from local law firms who will meet, one-on-one, with eligible participants for up to 45 minutes to discuss a case and provide assistance with courtroom

procedures. The clinic is intended only for people who are not already represented by a lawyer and who are pursuing court action on their own.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings at the Supreme Court, 42 Water Street, Charlottetown. The consultations are by appointment only and successful applicants will be contacted by courthouse staff to confirm arrangements. To apply for a consultation at the Summary Legal Services Clinic, contact the Community Legal Information Association: [clia@cliapei.ca](mailto:clia@cliapei.ca) or 902-892-0853.

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## REMINDER DETAILS

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### 1) **Save the Date! Sweetheart Dinner at Red Shores, February 18, 2017**

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services' annual Sweetheart Dinner will be held at Red Shores again this year (see flyer attached). The date will be February 18, 2017, and tickets for the event will be \$60 each. As usual, there will be exciting prize packages and fun ways to contribute to the money raised for women and children accessing our services throughout the year. Join us once again for fabulous food and lots of fun! Please call 902-894-3354, ext 221, or email [admin@fvps.ca](mailto:admin@fvps.ca) for tickets.

### 2) **15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Custody and Caring International Conference on the Nurse's Role in the Criminal Justice System, October 4-6, 2017 - call for abstracts**

The conference is a forum for highlighting innovations in practice, education, research, and policy development in the field of forensic mental health and correctional health care in Canada and throughout the world. Clinical issues and work life issues unique to nurses, health care professionals and other professionals working within forensic mental health and correctional environments will be featured.

**Date:** October 4-6, 2017

**Location:** Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

**For more information and to submit an abstract:** [www.custodyandcaring.usask.ca](http://www.custodyandcaring.usask.ca)

### 3) **PEI Family Violence Prevention Services launches *Building Brighter Futures Campaign***

PEI FVPS is excited to officially launch the **Building Brighter Futures Campaign** in 2017! This is a campaign tasked with building a 1-Million Dollar endowment fund that will be invested with the Community Foundation. This fund will help play a role in ensuring the long term sustainability of our organization. You can see more information about the campaign, as well as a brochure and promotional video here: <http://fvps.ca/brighterfutures>

### 4) **Volunteers Needed to Help Promote Events for PEI Family Violence Prevention Services**

PEI FVPS is in the process of updating their mailing list. We're interested in volunteers to help promote our events throughout the year. Whether you want to share events, post

flyers or spread news by word of mouth, we'd love to have you on our list of supporters!  
Many hands make light work- and good promotion can often mean the difference between  
a successful or unsuccessful event!

If you are interested please email [admin@fvps.ca](mailto:admin@fvps.ca) and ask to join our mailing list, or follow  
us on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/PEIFVPS>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/PEIFVPS>)

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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.**

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