



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

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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) February 11-17 is Family Violence Prevention Week

February 11 to 17, 2018, is Prince Edward Island's Family Violence Prevention Week. Islanders can get involved and show support in many ways.

Communities across the Island are planning events to help raise awareness of family violence. Activities include walks in silence, awareness presentations, family activities and more. A full schedule can be found at <http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/familyviolencepreventionweek2018campaign>

Wednesday, February 14 is Wear Purple Day in Prince Edward Island. Islanders are encouraged to wear purple:

- To raise awareness of Family Violence Prevention Week
- To remember victims of violence and their families and
- To show that violence in any relationship is not acceptable.

Throughout Family Violence Prevention Week, Islanders can follow and share daily images and messages on [facebook.com/govpe](https://www.facebook.com/govpe) and twitter.com/InfoPEI. The hashtag is #stopfamilyviolence.

Use the order form (attached) to request 2018 print materials for Family Violence Prevention Week 2018 or go to: http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/PAC_OrderForm.pdf.

Know someone who is experiencing violence? Know what to do to make a difference!
See suggestions and resource information, attached.

2) **CLIA Lunch and Learn: Family Law & Family Violence, February 15**

Community Legal Information Association of PEI (CLIA) will be holding a Lunch and Learn session during Family Violence Prevention Week! On February 15th, bring your lunch and come to Room 234 at The Royalty Centre (40 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown, PE) to learn about **Family Law & Family Violence**. Learning materials will be provided free of charge and there is lots of free parking!

3) **Make It Your Business! Screening, February 15**

Make It Your Business! is a new video series that offers brief, practical examples of how workers or other witnesses can recognize signs of family violence in public places and places of business and how to safely take action.

All videos were written and produced in Charlottetown. They are designed for workplace training and for educating the general public. Covering common kinds of violence you might witness - whether sexual assault at a parking meter, child abuse, abuse of older adults, online harassment, or an abusive public argument - this series will be a major contribution to workplace training and to public understanding of what we can all do to make preventing violence all of our business.

The first public screening of Make It Your Business! will take place on Thursday, February 15th at Florence Simmons Performance Hall at 5pm with a reception starting at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome. Free admission. <http://www.fvps.ca/makeyourbusiness/>

4) Sweetheart Dinner for Anderson House, February 17

The 6th Annual Sweetheart Dinner for Anderson House will be held on Saturday, February 17th from 6:30-9:00pm at Red Shores Racetrack and Casino, Charlottetown.

Wrapping up Family Violence Prevention Week (Feb 11 - 17, 2018), this delightful event celebrates relationships: partners, family, friends, co-workers and community. The evening features a gourmet 3-course buffet dinner, simulcast horse racing and “Lucky You!” draws for some amazing prize packages including a round-trip for two from WestJet!

Tickets are \$60 each (the cost to shelter a woman or child for one night at Anderson House) and include a \$25 tax receipt. All proceeds benefit Anderson House, an emergency shelter for women and children who are in need of safety because of violence in their lives. For tickets contact Lindsay at 902-213-5183 or lindsay@fvps.ca.

REMINDER DETAILS

1) Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5: Networking the grassroots domestic violence movement from across Canada, March 20-23, 2018

The Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5 is a national showcase of groundbreaking grassroots initiatives that address intimate partner violence.

While primarily emphasizing men’s violence against women, this Conference will also focus conversations on the margins of the field, such as violence in same-sex relationships; violence with people with disabilities; in aboriginal relationships; first generation immigrant relationships; and straight women’s perpetration of abuse.

To address the diversity among women, the conference will explore conversations with women who want to leave, women who are ambivalent about their relationships and women who know they want to stay. This broad range of discussions will include individual, couple, family and group conversations.

This year, the CDVC5 will highlight trailblazing community initiatives designed to challenge social determinants of domestic violence. While primarily challenging sexism, the Conference will also focus on how the field is challenging key issues such as racism, poverty, homophobia, and ableism.

The mandate of the Conference is to move the field forward, and therefore encourages participants and presenters to highlight and share innovative approaches that are developing in the various communities across Canada.

Location: Nova Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Registration fees:

Pre-conference workshops (March 20 & 21, 2018): **\$160.00 CDN** per workshop

Main Conference (March 22-23, 2018):

- Professionals - Early-bird Rate (prior to February 15, 2018) **\$295.00** CDN
- Professionals - Regular Rate (after February 15, 2018) **\$345.00** CDN
- Students - Early-bird Rate (prior to February 15, 2018) **\$160.00** CDN
- Students - Regular Rate (after February 15, 2018) **\$190.00** CDN

To register go to <https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/registration/>

For information on pre-conference workshops and the conference program go to:

<https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/events>

2) “A Better Man” Film available to stream through TV Ontario

If you missed the summer screening of the documentary “A Better Man,” it is now available to stream through TV Ontario.

"A Better Man offers a fresh and nuanced look at the healing and revelation that can happen for everyone involved when men take responsibility for their abuse. It also empowers audience members to play new roles in challenging domestic violence, whether it's in their own relationships or as part of a broader movement for social change."

Streaming here:

<https://tvo.org/article/current-affairs/shared-values/-a-better-man-shifting-the-conversation-on-violence-against-women>

3) Volunteers Still Needed by PEI Family Violence Prevention Services

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is still looking for volunteers. We're interested in individuals 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 lindsay@fvps.ca and ask to join our mailing list, or follow us on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/PEIFVPS>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/PEIFVPS>)

4) PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Building Brighter Futures Campaign

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is delighted with the success thus far in the Building Brighter Futures endowment campaign. **We are currently over 62% of our \$1 Million dollar goal.** If you are interested in contributing to the campaign, or helping out in any of our fundraising, please contact Lindsay Merrill at lindsay@fvps.ca To see more about the campaign, as well as access our campaign brochure and promotional video, visit our website at <http://www.fvps.ca/brighterfutures>

5) Men Matter, PEI's male centered group program being offered for male survivors of sexual abuse

Men Matter is a male centered, free of charge group program for male survivors of sexual abuse in PEI (see flyer attached). **Men Matter** is managed and administered by the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, and the Catholic Family Services Bureau is the access point for men who wish to participate.

If you would like more information about the Men Matter program, you can call Sigrid Rolfe at the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, 902-566-1864, or Chris Doiron at the Catholic Family Service Bureau, 902-894-3515.

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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