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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) Family Violence Prevention Week Mini Grants still available, deadline 12 January

Municipalities and community organizations are eligible to apply for a single grant in support of an event during Family Violence Prevention Week. See the application form (English and French versions attached) for details. Possible events 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, a PAC presentation or an activity that supports or partners with front-line services.

Successful applications will be funded on a rolling basis (first come/first served) until all grants have been awarded. Applications close at 5:00pm on 12 January, 2018. Early submissions are encouraged. Information on PAC mini-grants is available on the 2018 Family Violence Prevention Week Campaign site:

<http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/familyviolencepreventionweek2018campaign>.

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) PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women – Thank you

A sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the December 6th Montreal Massacre Memorial Service (see thank you note attached). A day of mourning for the 14 women murdered in Montreal in 1989 and for the 10 women murdered on PEI since that year. A day we recommit ourselves to act for change.

4) Newsletter on Women, Intimate Partner Violence, & Homelessness

“While the circumstances around individuals seeking shelter are complex

and varied, we know that oppressive structures, such as economic injustice, racism, and sexism, play a key role. These systemic forces interact to shape the experiences of women living with intimate partner violence (IPV) and housing issues. The narratives in this newsletter come from the courageous women who shared their stories with advocates and researchers that work to bring greater understanding and attention to this serious social issue.”

The attached newsletter will:

- Explain the connections between IPV and homelessness
- Identify barriers to safe, secure, accessible, and affordable housing when fleeing violence
- Discuss the impacts of IPV and housing issues through women’s narratives
- Highlight the resilience of women

REMINDER DETAILS

1) Family Violence Prevention Week Campaign 2018

Watch for information on the 2018 Family Violence Prevention Week Campaign at <http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/familyviolencepreventionweek2018campaign>.

2) 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 ground-breaking 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>

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 FVPS launches their 2017-18 Financial Campaign!

We are happy to launch our Financial Campaign. This year we are focusing on our Outreach service and roles our Outreach workers play in supporting parents. When children have experienced or witnessed family violence it is crucial that parents are supported in ways that help those children heal. Helping parents understand the effects of abuse on children is just one way our workers help. We also have workers trained in Handle with Care – a program to foster better mental health in children through attachment with parents. We have recently trained some workers in Triple P parenting so that our clients can be armed with tools for discipline and setting boundaries in a loving, positive way. Please see attached brochure for more information. We're also including a campaign letter for donations. Please spread the word!

5) 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>

6) 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 and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**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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