



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

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1) Free Family Law Course: Best Interests of the Children in Custody and Access, November 10, 17, 30

FREE family law course, hosted by a lawyer, for people who are experiencing a custody and access dispute or who have an interest in the law (see flyer attached).

You will learn:

- How the 'best interests of the children' can be met
- Ways to resolve your dispute outside of court
- What you can expect if you have to go to court to resolve a custody and access dispute.

Locations:

Charlottetown: November 10th from 6pm to 9pm

Montague: November 17 from 6pm to 9pm

Summerside: November 30 from 6pm to 9pm.

For more information and to register, please contact Community Legal Information Association of PEI (locations are disclosed upon registration) 902-892-0853 or 1-800-240-9798 or clia@cliapei.ca

2) Purple Ribbon Pinning Bee, November 17

Join us to pins purple ribbons at lunchtime Thursday November 17, 12:00pm at the Murphy's Community Centre (Room 207, 200 Richmond Street). Meet our current Council women and help pin ribbons to bookmarks for distribution across PEI in November. Everyone Welcome.

3) East Coast Art Party Fundraiser in Summerside, November 22

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services will be hosting an event with East Coast Art Party on November 22nd, 2016. East Coast Art Party is a fun event run by a talented artist that leads the group in creating their own masterpiece. It's great fun for everyone. Don't worry if you don't feel you have artistic talent, you will be guided step by step.

This event will be hosted at the Silver Fox Curling Club in Summerside, beginning at 6:30 PM. Proceeds from this event will go towards funding the valuable work done by East Prince Family Violence Prevention. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://pei.eastcoastartparty.com>. The painting selected is a winter/Christmas snowman, bundled in winter gear. This is a fun and exciting event for those looking to create some great memories with friends and family.

4) Singing to Myself Film Screening, November 25

On November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the ACSW will be screening *Singing To Myself*, from 4:00 – 6:00pm at The Guild on Queen

Street. Directed by Harmony Wagner and starring Sophie MacLean and Bryde MacLean, the film is described as, “an intimate gaze into the complexity and ease of female friendships.” Minister Paula Biggar and Director Harmony Wagner will open the screening with remarks. Tickets are available through the Guild box office for \$13 (taxes and fees in): <http://www.theguildpei.com/box-office/>

5) **Family Violence and the Workplace Workshop, UPDATED information, November 29**

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services will be hosting a workshop in Summerside on the impacts of family violence on workers and their workplace. **See updated flyer attached.**

This workshop was held in Charlottetown in February and the feedback was very positive so this workshop is being presented in other communities. We are happy to present this to employers, HR personnel, and other interested people.

The event will take place on November 29, 2016 at the Loyalist Resort Hotel. Registration will begin at 8am. The event will end at 1:30pm and lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information, or to register for the event, please email Lee Anne Farrar with our East Prince office at leeanne@fvps.ca.

6) **Charlottetown Montreal Massacre Memorial Service, December 6**

The annual service will be held on Tuesday December 6th, 12 noon at the Confederation Centre Memorial Hall. Candles will be lit in commemoration of the 14 women who were murdered in Montreal in 1989 and the 10 Island women who have died at the hands of violent men since that year. Speakers and performers will share their perspectives on the theme of believing survivors. We mourn women’s lives that have ended by violence. We listen, we believe, and we act to end violence against women and girls everywhere.

7) **New PEI Initiative *Man Up* to Engage Men and Boys in Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls**

PEI men are taking the initiative to work alongside women to tackle male violence - Duncan MacIntosh, Gordon McNeilly, Coady Clinton, Pat Caron, and Kirk MacKinnon.

Step up and get involved men. **For more information and upcoming actions, see their newly launched website:** <http://www.peimanup.ca/>

8) **The Chief Public Health Officer's Report on the State of Public Health in Canada 2016: A Focus on Family Violence in Canada**

<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/publications/department-ministere/state-public-health-family-violence-2016-etat-sante-publique-violence-familiale/index-eng.php>

Message from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, containing a link to his recently released report on the State of Public Health in Canada, 2016.

This year, my annual report focusses on family violence in Canada. My report can be accessed through this [link](#).

Family violence is not just about physical abuse. It comes in many forms, including sexual, emotional and financial abuse, as well as neglect.

For many, my report may be difficult and disturbing to read.

Some Canadian families are in crisis and the statistics are staggering, for example:

- In 2014, 131 Canadians died at the hands of a family member;
- That same year, there were 133,920 reported victims of dating or family violence, with the majority of victims being women;
- Indigenous women are three times more likely to report spousal violence than non-Indigenous women
- Just under nine million Canadians have reported experiencing abuse before the age of 15 years, and;
- Every day, eight seniors are victims of family violence.

People who experience family violence are more likely to have:

- Mental health issues like depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety;
- Physical health issues like injuries as well as diseases and conditions such as cancer and arthritis; and
- A shorter life expectancy.

We also know that, for a variety of reasons, it is under-reported. Some are not aware that what they are experiencing is family violence, or they may be too afraid or humiliated to speak to someone. We don't yet know enough about what makes some families violent and not others or effective methods to prevent it.

If we are going to better understand and ultimately prevent family violence, we need to talk about it [emphasis added].

Dr. Gregory Taylor
Chief Public Health Officer of Canada

9) Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) statement on unwanted sexual touching and groping

The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) has released a statement in response to the recent media dialogue about unwanted sexual touching and groping (see attached).

REMINDER DETAILS

10) Learning and Caring for Ourselves Conference 5, November 5

The Seniors' Secretariat invites you to a free health and wellness conference for people 50+ on health and wellness. The conference features exciting speakers, booths, entertainment and a healthy lunch.

When: November 5, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Credit Union Place
511 Notre Dame St.
Summerside

Featuring:

🍁 **Change is in the Air** – Understanding and coping with change and transition is an essential life skill. But how do you cope when life changes are piling up? Join us for a discussion with Dr. Gil Grimes.

🍁 **On the Road** - The ability to continue to drive is about fitness, not age. Learn more with Graham Miner, Provincial Registrar for Highway Safety.

🍁 **Making Sense of Your Dollars and Cents During Times of Transition** – Do you know what comes next (financially) after a major life change? Our panelists will discuss common life transitions and share information that you need to know.

🍁 **Travel 50+** – Whether your next adventure is a PEI road trip or a voyage across the ocean you'll learn some valuable travel tips.

Registration is free, but space is limited so don't delay!
Register by **November 1** by calling the Seniors' Line at 1-866-770-0588

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.

www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca