



Premier's Action Committee
on Family Violence Prevention

DECEMBER 2011 E-Bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) The 2011 Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence. This year's theme is Access to Justice for Family Law.

2) Annual December 6 Memorial Services - National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Tuesday, December 6 (see details of times and locations of memorial services, below).

3) Seniors Safety Seminar, December 7th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Stratford Town Hall.

4) Anderson House is running its Annual Christmas Wish Campaign. Wishes must be fulfilled by December 16th, 2011.

5) Community Legal Information Association (CLIA) is offering a free course, "Best Interests of the Children in Custody and Access". The next course takes place Thursday, December 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, then January 18th and 25th.

6) SAVE THE DATE: February 12-18, 2012 is PEI's Family Violence Prevention Week

7) Third Annual *Walk in Silence for Victims of Family Violence* in Charlottetown February 15, 2011. Storm date February 16.

OTHER PAC NEWS:

The PAC 2010-2011 Annual Activities Update is now available on the PAC website www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) The 2011 Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence

The Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence (Campagne du ruban violet contre la violence) was initiated by the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women in 1991 to remember the 14 Women who were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989, and to raise awareness about violence against women.

This year, in 2011, the PEI Purple Ribbon Campaign looks at access to justice for family law. To advocate for better access to justice and more options for women and children who face violence in their homes, visit <http://accessjusticepei.wordpress.com>. New resources will be added regularly through December 2011.

Advisory Council on the Status of Women website:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/acsw/index.php3?number=1040466>

2) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011 Memorial Services for Victims of Violence

First mourn, then work for change.

Charlottetown

Memorial Service & Candle-Lighting

12 noon, Memorial Hall, Confederation Centre of the Arts

More info: (902) 368-4510

En français: Candle-Lighting for Victims of Violence

7:00 pm, Carrefour Community Centre, Charlottetown

Actions Femmes I.P.E. will hold a bilingual service to commemorate the events on December 6th.

Along with symbolic lighting of candles, Norma Gallant will lead us in a moment of reflection, Sgt. Denis Morin will speak and Jacinthe Laforest will interpret a song. Light refreshments will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend.

More info: (902) 368-1895, ext 221

Summerside

Memorial Service in English - LOCATION CHANGE

Trinity United Church, next to memorial Square at 90 Spring Street

12 noon, refreshments served

More info: (902) 436-9856

O'Leary

Candle-Lighting for Victims of Violence

12 noon, O'Leary United Church

More info: (902) 859-8849

3) Seniors Safety Seminar

PEI Seniors Safety Program, RCMP and the PEI Seniors' Secretariat invite community members to a free Safety Seminar on December 7, 2011 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Stratford Town Hall
Topics include: internet safety; fraud and scam awareness; prevention of family violence and financial abuse

To Register: Call 1-866-770-0588 or email seniors@gov.pe.ca

4) Anderson House is running its Annual Christmas Wish Campaign

Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Michelle Buttery at Anderson House 368-8658. Wishes must be fulfilled by December 16th, 2011.

5) Community Legal Information Association (CLIA) with the support of the PEI Law Foundation is offering a free course for parents who are dealing with a custody and access dispute.

This course, "Best Interests of the Children in Custody and Access" is led by a volunteer lawyer and a CLIA staff person; the next course takes place Thursday, December 1st, from 6-8 pm, then January 18th and 25th same time.

In this course participants will learn what the "best interests of the children" means; the different types of custody and access arrangements that are possible, and what alternatives there are to going to court.

We piloted this course in October and we had very positive evaluations from both parents and service providers who work with divorcing and separating couples.

This course will be offered on a regular basis. To inquire about other dates and to register for the course please contact us here at CLIA at 892-0853.

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Check the PAC website for updates on the schedule of events around the province:

www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca

7) Third Annual *Walk in Silence for Victims of Family Violence* in Charlottetown

Date: February 15, 2011. Storm date February 16.

Time: Walk begins at 12pm at Province House and ends at City Hall with a small reception sponsored by the Mayor's Purple Ribbon Task Force.

For More Information: Call 368-5984 or email mgill@ihis.org

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THANK YOU!

**The 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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