



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

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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) Charlottetown Family Forum, February 6

On Friday February 6, from 1:00-4:00, a Family Forum will be held at the Rodd Royalty Inn (14 Capital Drive, Charlottetown). The Forum provides an opportunity for families to come together to learn about parenting and family resources within a fun and playful environment. A number of community organizations that provide services and support to families will have booths and displays set up. "The Music Man", Michael Pendergast, will provide entertainment, and there will be bouncy castles, a petting zoo, and access to the swimming pool.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this FREE event! The Family Forum is organized by PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada and Justice Options for Women, and is sponsored by Status of Women Canada.

2) PEI 2015 Family Violence Prevention Week, February 8-14

The schedule of events to date and the ways we can all promote the Week are posted at www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/2015campaign
Français <http://stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca/campagne2015>

Full details will be emailed early in the first week of February. *Wear Purple Day* is February 11th. Please be sure to share the schedule of events with your organizations, friends and families and encourage everyone to participate.

3) Lunch & Learn *Violence Against Women and the Bottom Line: The impacts of intimate partner violence on the workplace*, February 9

Join us for a lunch and learn presentation by Michelle Harris-Genge, MBA, on her research on the impacts of perpetrator violence on the workplace on February 9 from 12:00-1:00pm at the Rodd Charlottetown. Admission is free and lunch will be provided.

Violence against women is pervasive in our society and is known by many names, including domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and family violence. Society at large tends to compartmentalize it as a private issue; but violence against women impacts all aspects of a woman's life, including her workplace. Violence against women cannot be strictly viewed as an ethical concern, but one that has financial consequences for businesses. This lunch and learn will provide an overview of research conducted on the consequences violence against women has on a workplace, with a focus on the impact that perpetrators of violence have on the company's bottom line. A calculator has been developed for Canadian businesses to show the financial impact of violence against women and illustrate that corporations have a vested interest in its elimination.

Register at <https://eventbrite.com/event/15473319114/>. Event coordinated by Justice Options for Women Inc. and funded by Status of Women Canada.

4) THE STORIES WE TELL: A Writing Workshop for survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence and trafficking, April 11-12

“The Stories We Tell” is a two-day testimonial writing program for survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence and trafficking (see poster attached). The workshop will be held in Charlottetown from April 11-12.

Every survivor story has power and purpose. During “The Stories We Tell” survivors will read and discuss testimonial writing, reflect on how to share their own stories, and engage in a series of innovative writing exercises. With a focus on memoir, fiction, non-fiction and poetry, “The Stories We Tell” was created to support those who seek to use writing as a vehicle for personal or political change.

Workshop creator and instructor, writer and book author **R. Clifton Spargo**, will be joined by workshop co-creator **Anne K. Ream**, the founder of *The Voices and Faces Project* and the author of *Lived Through This*, her memoir of a multi-year, multi-country journey spent listening to survivors of gender-related violence. Her book includes a chapter on Prince Edward Island survivors she met on her journey.

**For details and for the workshop application, email janet@voicesandfaces.org.
Application due date: Friday, March 20th. Hosted by the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre & The Voices and Faces Project, the workshop is free to participants thanks to funding from the Donner Canadian Foundation.**

5) Workshop *It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families for Older Adults*, April 20 (Summerside), April 21 (Charlottetown)

PEI's Elder Abuse Prevention Network and the PEI Seniors' Secretariat invite you to attend a one day workshop on "It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families for Older Adults." The workshop will be held on April 20 in Summerside and repeated on April 21 in Charlottetown (locations and additional details to be announced).

This workshop teaches people of all ages to recognize warning signs of abuse of older adults and to respond safely and supportively. For information on ***It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families*** see <http://itsnotright.ca/>

This workshop is made possible through a New Horizons for Seniors funded project of the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children (Western University), the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the National Institute for the Care of the Elderly.

To register call 1-866-770-0588.

REMINDER DETAILS

1) MEN MATTER, new group programs for men who have experienced sexual abuse

MEN MATTER offers group programs for men who have experienced sexual abuse. The groups are free and confidential, and are led by experienced professionals. The PEI Rape

and Sexual Assault Centre (PEIRSAC) is administering the program and the Catholic Family Services Bureau (CFSB) is the point of contact for men wishing to participate. For more information call Chris at the CFSB at 902-894-3515 or Sigrid at PEIRSAC at 902-566-1864.

2) PEI FVPS Inc. 2014/15 Financial Campaign to raise funds for Support Groups for Women

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services invites you to join the 2014/15 Annual Financial Campaign for PEI Family Violence Prevention (see attached flyer). This year's campaign will focus on funding for support groups - a very important piece for women on their journey to living a life free of violence. In a safe and supported environment, women are provided with empowering information and the tools needed to make positive changes in their lives. Perhaps the most powerful form of support - groups offer an opportunity for women to share their experiences with others facing similar challenges, reducing the feeling of isolation, so common amongst those who have suffered abuse. The Campaign Goal is \$24,000.

3) Be A Foster Parent

Foster parents of all ages are needed across Prince Edward Island. Foster parents play an important role in our community by providing care to children in the legal custody and guardianship of the Director of Child Protection, on a short or long term basis.

Foster parents may be from many different backgrounds and life experiences. Some are married with families of their own and some are single; some live in common law relationships or with same sex partners. There are foster parents who own their own homes and foster parents who rent.

What all foster parents have in common is a commitment to caring for children who are coping with a very difficult time in their young lives. Children need foster parents who are committed to caring for them.

The role of a foster parent can be demanding and challenging however the reward of making a positive and lasting impact in the life of a child makes it all worthwhile.

Foster parents change lives one child at a time. They believe in investing in the future of our children. Please consider making this very important investment.

To learn more, visit our website www.beafosterparent.ca

Email beafosterparent@gov.pe.ca or call 902-368-5330

4) Fireside Chat and discussion on, "Family Violence Prevention – Building Trauma Informed Communities," February 26

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is sponsoring a Fireside Chat and discussion on *Family Violence Prevention – Building Trauma Informed Communities* on February 26, 2015 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Atlantic Time.

People face many different types of trauma in their lives. Trauma disrupts healthy development, adversely affecting relationships, and contributing to mental health issues including substance abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse. It affects individuals, families and communities.

Who should attend: Early childhood practitioners, health care professionals, researchers, policy makers, and caregivers with an interest in understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of trauma.

This is a review and discussion of the concepts presented at the two day training held in PEI last spring with funding from PHAC.

To register go to:

English http://www.chnet-works.ca/index.php?option=com_rsevents&view=events&layout=show&cid=339%3Afamily-violence-prevention--building-trauma-informed-communities--la-prevention-de-la-violence-familiale--sensibiliser-les-collectivites-aux-traumatismes&Itemid=6&lang=en

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Group viewing sites will be available in Charlottetown, Summerside and possibly other locations. Details to follow.

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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