



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

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ANNOUNCEMENT DETAILS

1) **FINAL SESSION IN SERIES Study Group on Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report. CALLS TO ACTION: Facilitated Planning, May 5**

The final study group session examining the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report will be held Thursday, **May 5**, at 12:00 noon, at the Confederation Centre Public Library (see attached poster). Facilitator Jill Lightwood will lead discussion about moving forward and exploring possible actions to reconcile our nation. Everyone is welcome to join.

<https://peiactsw.wordpress.com/2016/01/20/study-group-on-canadas-truth-reconciliation-commission-report/final-trc-study-group-poster-may5-update/>

2) **PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada Public Meeting and Discussion in Charlottetown – Refugees Welcome Here! May 5**

All Islanders are invited to attend a public meeting, *Refugees Welcome Here! A Presentation and Discussion*, hosted by the PEI Association for Newcomer to Canada. It will be held on Thursday May 5th, 6:30 – 8:00pm at the Murphy's Community Centre, 200 Richmond St. in Charlottetown. See attached media release for more details.

This event will share knowledge about refugee rights and advocacy, and is presented in partnership with Amnesty International Canada and the Canadian Council for Refugees.

3) **Free Public Presentation by Dr. Peter Jaffe *The Role of Neighbours, Friends, Family & Co-Workers to Support Children Living with Family Violence*, June 13**

When: Monday, June 13, 7-9 pm

Where: Holland College MacKinnon Lecture Theatre,
Charlottetown Campus, Kent Street Entrance

See attached poster.

Family violence affects thousands of families in Canada. Often children are the forgotten victims when they live with this violence. Children may be at risk of emotional and physical harm in these circumstances. These problems are most severe during the conflict of parental separation and divorce.

This presentation will address the risk factors that increase the harm for children and opportunities for prevention and early intervention.

Although communities rely on professionals in justice, social service and mental health agencies, this presentation will highlight the essential role of a caring community response by neighbours, friends, family and co-workers.

Dr. Peter Jaffe is a clinical psychologist and Professor in the Faculty of Education at Western University as well as the Academic Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women & Children.

This presentation is sponsored by the Department of Family and Human Services.

4) PEI Association for Newcomers Association *Welcome Project* Donation Centre, drop off by appointment only

Collection operations at the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada’s Donation Centre have ceased. Since the beginning of December 2015, the Welcome Project, coordinated by PEI ANC has operated a Donation Centre at 1 Queen Street to collect donations for Syrian refugee families settling across PEI. While the regular Saturday drop off times at the Donation Centre have ended, Islanders may still pass along donations to support refugees by calling 1-844-237-7734 to inquire about the need for certain items and to arrange a drop off time.

The level of Islander support for the Welcome Project, with goods, corporate donations, social media sharing, and volunteering of time, has been tremendous. PEI ANC thanks all Islanders for their support.

5) Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative website launched www.cdhpi.ca

Domestic homicides account for 1 in 5 murders in Canada. Each province and territory is involved in learning from these deaths through death review committees, coroners' investigations, inquests, inquiries or research studies.

The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative (CDHPI) website www.cdhpi.ca is dedicated to bringing researchers and practitioners together to share knowledge that can inform promising practices in the prevention of domestic homicide. In particular, the CDHPI is focused on identifying emerging risk assessment, risk management, and safety planning strategies.

A major part of our work emphasizes the unique needs of vulnerable populations such as Aboriginal, immigrant and refugee, rural, remote, and northern communities, and children living with domestic violence. This focus is currently funded by a five-year SSHRC partnership grant (2015-2020).

For more about the CDHPI as a whole, go to:

<http://cdhpitest.riopelle.ws/about-us/about-us>

To learn more about the current SSHRC research project, go to:

<http://cdhpitest.riopelle.ws/SSHRC/about-sshrc>

The website includes resources and initiatives from all provinces and territories, news and events, and learning opportunities.

REMINDER DETAILS

**1) Public Presentation - Birds Bees & Pornography: What you don’t know but your kids do...
A Presentation for Parents & Caregivers by Cordelia Anderson, May 25**

When: May 25, 6:30-7:45pm

Where: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel

Become educated and empowered to support your child's healthy development.

Today's pornography is not what parents grew up with. Today's Internet pornography is widely accessible to young children with content difficult for many of us to even imagine. This content is influencing the attitudes, behaviors and brain development of our children. Parents need information about the ways youth are accessing it, the realities of the images and messages - and the research that shows harm and negative impact. **Join Cordelia Anderson for this free session** to learn strategies that counter the messages in pornography & help your children to develop as healthy human beings capable of respectful and caring relationships.

Contact michelle@wnpei.org for more information.

2) Conference - Contemporary Issues on Sexual Violence: Understanding the Effects of Pornography on Youth and Responding to and Preventing Sexual Violence, May 25 & 26

Contemporary Issues on Sexual Violence:

Understanding the Effects of Pornography on Youth and Responding to and Preventing Sexual Violence

For information on keynote speakers and presenters, see attached.

When: May 25th & 26th, 2016 (You can register for one or both days.)

Where: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/emerging-contemporary-issues-in-responding-to-preventing-sexual-violence-tickets-23862018941>

There is no charge to attend but seats are limited. For more information, please contact Michelle at michelle@wnpei.org

Who should attend?

Educators, youth workers, justice professionals, police, mental health professionals, community-based organizations that work with youth and/or victims of sexual violence

This conference is brought to you by the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre, Women's Network PEI, the Interministerial Women's Secretariat, the PEI Provincial Child Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee, the PEI Counselling Association and Status of Women Canada.

3) Two day workshop: The Nuts & Bolts of Parenting Coordination, June 9-10

When: June 9-10, 8:30am-4pm

Where: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel

Cost: \$550, plus HST

Registration: see attached form **ONLY A FEW SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

About the Two-Day Session:

Illustrated by case examples throughout, participants will learn the parenting coordination process from start to finish beginning with intake, screening and contracting. The consensus-building phase will include an overview of conflict resolution and disengagement strategies, the application of key parent education topics, and the involvement of experts and other collateral sources. Obtaining the voice of the child will be examined, including the risks and benefits, considerations for assessing the reliability of child reports, and a

provision of a developmentally informed child interview protocol. Arbitration, the final phase of the parenting coordination process, will be elucidated with a summary of the legal framework, procedure and award writing. Professional practice challenges and risk management strategies will be highlighted.

Instructor:

Dr. Barbara Jo Fidler is a registered clinical developmental psychologist and accredited mediator practicing in Ontario. Dr. Fidler has worked with high conflict separating and divorcing families conducting assessments, professional consultations, mediation, arbitration, therapy and parenting coordination for over 28 years. She provides training to judges, lawyers and mental health professionals; expert testimony; and has presented at numerous conferences.

Audience:

Those who work with high conflict families: lawyers, social workers, psychologists, counselors, family mediators and other agencies providing supports to separating and divorcing families.

This training will be funded, in part, through the generous support of the Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island and the Government of Prince Edward Island.

This training has been approved by the Law Society for 12 hours of CPD and approved by the Social Work Registration Board for 12.0 hours of Continuing Education Credits.

For more information about the conference or registration, please contact Marie Nissen at (902) 368-6928 or email mlnissen@gov.pe.ca

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