



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

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1) Charlottetown Family Forum, May 1

On Friday May 1st, from 1:00-4:00, a Family Forum will be held at the Rodd Royalty Inn Charlottetown (14 Capital Drive). The Forum provides an opportunity for families to come

together to learn about parenting 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. Michael Pendergast "The Music Man" 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.

For further information, contact Melissa Coffin at 902-628-6009 ext. 232.

2) 28th Annual Atlantic Crime Prevention Symposium "Exploring the Impact of Inter-Personal Violence" May 25-27

The Interministerial Women's Secretariat is providing registration fees for up to five (5) Community Organizations from Prince Edward Island to attend the 28th annual Atlantic Crime Prevention symposium. The Atlantic Community Safety Association (ACSA) is a regional network of community safety and crime prevention groups, who have worked collaboratively for 28 years to share information, build capacity and strengthen community safety across our region. The theme for 2015 is "Exploring the Impact of Inter-Personal Violence" and takes place May 25-27 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Please see attached for event details. For more information, please contact Michelle Bliss, mjbliss@gov.pe.ca or call (902) 368-6494. Deadline to apply is May 15, 2015.

3) Multi-Disciplinary Workshop: Innovative Intervention with High Conflict Parents: An Emerging role for Parenting Coordination in PEI Family Law, June 10

The Family Law Section of the Department of Environment, Labour and Justice will host a one-day workshop "Innovative Interventions with High Conflict Parents - An Emerging Role for Parenting Coordination in PEI Family Law- A Multi-Disciplinary Workshop".

The keynote speaker for the workshop will be Dr. Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., C.Psych., Acc.FM, 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.

This interactive multi-disciplinary workshop will provide participants an opportunity to learn more about high conflict parents, Parenting Coordination in general and the role that Parenting Coordination as a potential field of practice for lawyers, mental health professionals and others, could play in Prince Edward Island in supporting families experiencing challenges with issues related to custody and access.

When: June 10, 2015 from 8:30am-4:00pm

Where: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Victorian Room, 72 Kent St., Charlottetown

Cost: \$150 (lunch provided)

Registration deadline: May 22 (registration form attached)

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

REMINDER DETAILS

1) **Benefit for PEI Family Violence Prevention Services: Ash & Bloom with Special Guests Amy & Rachel Beck, ***April 30**

The dynamic duo, Ash & Bloom will be making a stop in Charlottetown on their 2015 Eastern Canadian “Your Town” tour (see flyer attached). Hosted by Alan Buchanan, the show takes place Thursday, April 30th at 7:30pm at The Guild, and features an opening performance by Island favorite’s Amy and Rachel Beck. Tickets are \$20 and benefit PEI Family Violence Prevention Services.

Tickets are available at The Guild’s box office 902-620-3333 or online at www.ticketpro.ca
The **deadline for applications** under this Call for Proposals is **noon (12:00 p.m) Pacific Daylight Time, April 17, 2015.**

2) **SAVE THE DATE Federal-Provincial-Territorial Status of Women Forum: Sexual Violence Knowledge Exchange, June 17**

When: 8:00am-4:00pm Central Time, June 17

Where: Winnipeg RBC Convention Centre

(See flyers attached) **PEI webcast viewing sites to be announced**

This dynamic and timely event will bring together leading minds from across the country to raise awareness and understanding of sexual violence in the Canadian context.

Details will follow about guest speakers and how to register

- approximately 200 spaces will be available for in-person attendance
- the event will be webcast for wider audience participation
- there is no cost to attend

3) **ASI 2015 Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health, August 17-19**

Registration is now open for an Atlantic Canadian event which will bring together individuals from across the region with an interest in child and youth mental health.

The goal of the two-day Symposium: ***Investing in Child and Youth Mental Health – Mobilizing Atlantic Canadians for a Positive Future*** is to learn about mental health in Atlantic Canada, build networks and identify strategies for enhancing programs and policies in schools, communities and provinces. The event is designed for everyone who promotes positive mental health, including researchers, policy-makers and advocates, as well as parents, caregivers, and youth.

The Symposium will feature speakers, presentations and interactive workshops on:

- Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) – key to mental health promotion & well-being
- Parent, Youth and Community Engagement
- Integrated Service Delivery (School based)
- Experiences of and access to services
- Collective impact to improve mental health of children and youth

The preliminary program is available at www.asi-iea.ca. More details about speakers, subsidies and early bird rates (before May 31) coming soon!

The Symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health is a collaborative event organized by the Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities (ASI), in partnership with two key Canadian projects: Socially and Emotionally Aware Kids (SEAK) and Atlantic Canada Children’s Effective Service Strategies in Mental Health (ACCESS-MH).

To register, visit www.asi-iea.ca.

Early Bird registration rates will be available until May 31, 2015.

Contact the Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities for more information about the Symposium: info@asi-iea.ca; (902) 894-3399.

4) Public Health Agency of Canada Call for Proposals to address domestic violence and child abuse

The Public Health Agency of Canada is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit applications to establish and advance community-based and multi-sectoral projects to address the health needs of victims of domestic violence and child abuse and those at risk of these forms of violence.

For details see <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/sfv-avf/proposal-proposition/index-eng.php>

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This Call for Proposals is a two-step process. The first step is the submission of a Letter of Intent. Applicants whose Letters of Intent are successful will be invited to submit a full proposal. There is no deadline for Letters of Intent. They are welcomed on a continuous basis.

The Public Health Agency of Canada is committed to fostering collaborations that will increase the reach and impact of our investments. As appropriate, we work with applicants who have been successful in the Letter of Intent phase to turn good ideas into great collaborations that benefit more Canadians.

5) 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.

6) 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

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