



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

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After a decade of leadership Phil Matusiewicz is retiring from his position as Executive Director of PEI Family Violence Prevention Services (PEI FVPS). His contributions to the organization have been varied and meaningful, and he leaves large shoes to fill. Those wishing to attend his retirement party can drop in to the Haviland Club on September 2, 2016, from 6-9pm. On behalf of the board and staff of PEI FVPS, we wish Phil much relaxation and enjoyment in his retirement as he pursues his other interests.

The new Executive Director, Danya O'Malley, has worked with PEI FVPS since 2008 and brings the same social work values and integrity to the position. Ms. O'Malley will complete her Masters in Social Work from Dalhousie University in 2017. She looks forward to strengthening the position of PEI FVPS in the community and bringing a fresh perspective to the organization. She is especially excited for the new challenges ahead.

## 2) Law Foundation Funding Available, Deadline September 12

The Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island is now accepting funding applications for projects set to begin in 2017.

Paul Kiley, Chair of the Foundation, encourages interested organizations to visit the Law Foundation's website to better understand the types of initiatives that might be funded. He adds, "We are always interested in new ideas and projects that fit within our mandate, and look forward to receiving submissions on a variety of topics."

The deadline for all submissions is September 12th, 2016.

In 2016, the Foundation provided funding for education and research related to child custody issues, family violence prevention, foreign migrant workers, and parenting coordination. Core funding is provided to support community legal education programs, law scholarships, bar admissions education and law library services.

The mandate of the Foundation is to promote the advancement of legal knowledge and access to justice for all Prince Edward Islanders by providing funding support and encouraging partnerships.

For further details on projects that are eligible and to obtain an application package, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.lawfoundationpei.ca](http://www.lawfoundationpei.ca) or contact the Executive Director, Sheila Lund MacDonald at [slm@lawfoundationpei.ca](mailto:slm@lawfoundationpei.ca).

## 3) Action Femmes Women's Retreat, September 17-18

Actions Femmes is sponsoring a women's retreat at the Centre Goéland on September 17 and 18th. For more information contact **Jeannette Gallant or Darlene Arsenault at 902-854-2546 or email [etoilefilanteipe@gmail.com](mailto:etoilefilanteipe@gmail.com)**. The information is also on the Village des sources website: [villagedessources.wordpress.com](http://villagedessources.wordpress.com)

## 4) Action Femmes Annual General Meeting, October 23

Action Femmes annual general meeting will be Sunday October 23rd at the Loyalist Inn in Summerside. Free brunch followed by the business meeting. More details will be posted on our website: [www.afipe.org](http://www.afipe.org)

Please note that activities are in French. Volunteers can translate for individuals if needed.

**5) Public Health Agency of Canada New Data Blog on Family Violence**

Here is the link to the data blog on family violence recently develop by the Public Health Agency of Canada:

English: <http://infobase.phac-aspc.gc.ca/datalab/family-violence-blog-en.html>

French: <http://infobase.phac-aspc.gc.ca/datalab/family-violence-blog-fr.html>

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**REMINDER DETAILS**

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**6) Why We Stressn', A Free Parenting Workshop for Fathers, Tuesdays in September**

Family Service PEI is recruiting fathers who would like to participate in a pilot workshop aimed to provide strategies for identifying and managing stress to allow for more positive interactions with their children. (See flyer attached)

**Learning Objectives:**

- Be able to identify personal and social factors that contribute to their stress
- Understand the impact of their stress on their child and the father-child relationship
- Gain new positive strategies to manage their stress
- Make a commitment to using one new positive strategy in a future stressful situation

**When:** Tuesdays from 6pm-8pm (September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)

**Where:** 155 Belvedere Ave, Charlottetown (Family Service PEI Charlottetown Office)

**Fee:** FREE (Pilot Program)

**For more information and registration, please contact Alex Walsh at 902-892-2441 Ext.7 or [outreach@familyservice.pe.ca](mailto:outreach@familyservice.pe.ca)**

A toolkit developed by Dad Central for engaging fathers and other men raising the next generation. For more information, visit [www.mydad.ca](http://www.mydad.ca)

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**THANK YOU!**

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**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](http://www.stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca)