MOTHERING INFANTS IN VIOLENT FAMILIES
Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

Research Team Update June 5th, 2006

Julia Campbell is continuing to look for mothers to recruit in PEI, supervised by Prince Edward Island lead investigator Kim Critchley. Changes to the interview guide will be discussed at the next quarterly Research Team meeting scheduled for July. Julia Campbell has identified a number of service providers in Prince Edward Island that will be approached for interviews later this summer.

There was a bit of a delay with the contact cards in New Brunswick, but the recruitment materials are now in the process of being distributed across the Province. Public service announcements and press releases will follow in July. Dr. Letourneau has successfully received funding for a Canadian Institutes of Health Research summer student who will be working with the study during the summer months. At present, a training schedule is also being developed for research assistants who will conduct interviews, and training is planned to take place the second week of July. Any suggestions for this training would be more than welcome. Project Director Katie Young is away for the month of June, but Natalie Weigum is managing in Katie’s absence.

Research Ethics approval has been received from the St. FX Ethics Board, which is sufficient for the Cape Breton District Health Ethics Board.

Research Team Mission: The purpose of this research collaboration is to explore and understand the (1) impact of intimate partner violence on the relationships of mothers with their infants and (2) unique support needs, resources, barriers to support, and preferences for support intervention for mothering infants in violent environments.

Recruitment Locations

VON Healthy Baby and Me
Hospitals
Public Health Offices
Youth in Transition
Liberty Lane
Transition Houses
Outreach Centers
Church halls
Moms and tots groups
Public libraries
Grocery stores
Cafés
Day care centers
Gym and pool facilities

Comments? Questions? Queries?

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