**Mothering Infants in Violent Families**

Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

**Research Team Update October 6th, 2006**

In New Brunswick we are in the middle of intense recruitment through radio and television public service announcements, newspaper ads, and contact with community organizations. The study was covered in the Daily Gleaner on September 25th, on CBC radio Moncton the weekend of September 9th, and we have been invited to give short presentations at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre’s annual general meeting and the Fredericton Network Committee on Family Violence monthly meeting.

One mother and one service provider have been interviewed so far in New Brunswick, and we are in the process of scheduling an interview with another mother. Katie will be following up with individuals and groups that have been sent recruitment materials in the coming weeks, and we hope to be able to interview one or two more service providers before the research team meeting on the 13th of October.

We hope to receive Dalhousie ethics board approval after their meeting on October 24th, and a revised ethics application is being prepared for the next phase of the study in Prince Edward Island. We are also in the process of gaining ethical approval from the new review board in Cape Breton. Once ethics approval is in place, we can begin recruitment campaigns in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We look forward to meeting with the research team in Little Shemoque to discuss the study’s progress on October 13th!

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**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

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**Comments? Questions? Queries?**

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**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.