



MOTHERING INFANTS IN VIOLENT FAMILIES

Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

Publications of Interest

The following publications from the *Centre for children and families in the justice system* are available at www.lfcc.on.ca/pubs.htm

Helping Children Thrive: Supporting woman abuse survivors as mothers.

Little eyes, little ears: How violence against a mother shapes children as they grow.

Woman abuse affects our children: An educator's guide.

Research Team Update July 3rd, 2007

General. The study pamphlets have been printed in all three of the provinces and are being distributed widely. Please let Katie or your local research assistant know if you would like additional copies of pamphlets or any of the other recruitment materials. We have received very positive feedback on the study pamphlet from an eligible mother referred by a physician. The mother found the child development tips validating, and very helpful. Research assistant training will be taking place on July 19th in Fredericton, New Brunswick., and the next quarterly research team meeting will be held in August.

New Brunswick. One additional service provider has been interviewed at the New Brunswick site. No new moms have been confirmed. Study presentations are being scheduled across the province for the coming months.

Prince Edward Island. We would like to congratulate Julie Bull (PEI research assistant) on the recent receipt of a CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health Scientific Director's Award of Excellence. Three additional service providers have been interviewed on the Island. No new moms have been confirmed yet, although there has been some interest.

Cape Breton. Patricia and Karen, are just starting in their positions and are focusing on meeting with frontline workers in the community about study recruitment.

Halifax. Leslie Reeves of Halifax will be leaving us this August to further her studies. We would like welcome our new research assistant, Nancy Mahoney, at the site and wish Leslie the best of luck. Leslie has been working on building a strong relationship with the Halifax Family Resource Centre.

Questions or Suggestions?

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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.