

MOTHERING INFANTS IN VIOLENT FAMILIES

Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

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Completed Interviews

Service Provider: PEI= 6/10, NB=7/10, NS=1/10

Mother: NB=6/30, PEI=3/20, NS=1/40

Research Team Update November, 2007

General. The academic team members had a very productive meeting on the 28th and will begin meeting bi-monthly. A protocol was developed for dealing with exceptional circumstances where we might interview a mother who is still in a relationship with the violent partner. It was agreed, however, that only mothers who have disclosed the violence and are connected with services will be interviewed. The wording of recruitment materials will not be changed. The protocol will be discussed again at the next quarterly team meeting.

Prince Edward Island. No new mothers have come forward to be interviewed at the PEI site. Julie has not been able to schedule interviews with the three screened mothers, but continues to try and connect. There are two service providers that have agreed to be interviewed. Recruitment efforts continue, and an article on the study by Lori Mayne was recently published in the Journal Pioneer in Summerside.

New Brunswick. An additional mother volunteered in New Brunswick, but contact was lost when she exited transitional housing. One mother and one service provider interview have taken place since the last update. Presentations continue with a variety of groups across the province. A fundraiser showing of Shrek III will be held at Regent Mall Empire Theatres, 10am Saturday November 24th, in conjunction with Family Violence Prevention Awareness Month. All proceeds will go to Fredericton Women in Transition and Liberty Lane.

Cape Breton. No mothers have been identified yet in Cape Breton. One service provider has been interviewed, and there are three interview candidates who Karen and Patricia will be following up with. A media blitz of advertisements, public service announcements, postering, and e-mail list serve messages took place this past week.

Halifax. The first mother interview in Halifax happened this past month. Congratulations! A second eligible mother has also come forward. Networking with service providers at the site continues, including presentations to the Family Resource Centre, Second Stage Housing, and Family Services staff.

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.