

# 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=11/10, NS=3/10  
Mother: NB=7/30, PEI=3/20, NS=4/40

## Research Team Update January, 2008

Thank-you everyone for your continued support and hard work! It is making all the difference. We have a year and a half left to our timeline. There is still a lot of work ahead of us, but the study has received a lot of positive attention in the past year and a half, and is clearly valued by mothers and the community at large.

We are very excited about our community team members' idea of developing an information and recruitment kit for mothers. The kit will be developed and piloted in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island with a small group of service providers. The planning meeting for this will take place on January 22nd in Fredericton. All sites continue networking with service providers, and sharing information on the study through as many avenues as possible. **Our key message is that mothers who have been through violent relationships can help other mothers just by talking to the Mothering Study Team.**

*Prince Edward Island.* No new mothers have come forward at the PEI site. Julie aims to have service provider interviews on the Island completed by the end of January. Keep up the good work Julie – it will pay off!

*New Brunswick.* An additional mother has been interviewed in New Brunswick, and a second is being scheduled to participate. One mother was told about the study by an early intervention worker and the other saw a pamphlet at a public library. The New Brunswick service provider goal has been met, but additional interviews will take place due to the wide variety in services offered across the province. The study was covered in the Daily Gleaner, Telegraph Journal, and on Fox radio this month. Study pamphlets have been sent to all members of the New Brunswick Social Workers Association. Great work Katie!

*Cape Breton.* No mothers have been identified yet in Cape Breton. Family Services agreed to review their case files, but no mothers have been identified through this means yet. Karen and Patricia have completed two service provider interviews, and will be able to meet their site target by the end of January. Awesome job ladies! An article highlighting the study was also in the Glace Bay Gleaner before Christmas.

*Halifax.* Nancy has interviewed five mothers, a major step forward! Wow! Mothers responded to posters at family resource centres, and second stage housing. Two of the children were above 36 months of age at the time of data collection, but exceptions were made for their participation. Two service provider interviews have taken place, and Nancy is on track to complete service provider interviews by the end of January.

**If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Katie Young, Project Director, at [katie.young@unb.ca](mailto:katie.young@unb.ca), (506) 447-3204 or 1-888-639-1555 toll-free.**

**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.