



MOTHERING INFANTS IN VIOLENT FAMILIES

Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

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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Research Team Update August 25th, 2006

Research assistants for the Prince Edward Island, Halifax, and Cape Breton sites have been hired. The interview guide was finalized thanks to everyone's helpful input, and a very successful researcher training was held August 17th at the Hotel Moncton. It was great to meet with all of our new staff in person! We extend a hearty welcome to Cheryl Rehill in Prince Edward Island, Lesley Reeves in Halifax, and Cheryl MacNeil in Cape Breton. They all come to us with a wealth of experience and we look forward to working together.

We received very positive feedback about the new recruitment materials our CIHR summer student, Trina Cluney, created. The ads better describe what we mean by violence and will be printed and distributed in the coming weeks. The qualitative interviews from the Prince Edward Island pilot have been coded, and the quantitative data is in the process of being entered. NCAST teaching scale reliability training is being held in September for research assistants who will be coding interactions in the New Brunswick site.

We are still in the process of attaining ethics approval from the Dalhousie ethics board and ethics approval for the next phase of the study will be sought shortly in Prince Edward Island. We have approval at the New Brunswick and Cape Breton sites.

Planned for October, the academic research team members will take part in our first face-to-face meeting since we began planning this project over 2 years ago. It will be great to match research team members' voices to faces and discuss timelines and logistical issues in person. It's amazing that we have done so much at a distance already! A full meeting for all team members will follow soon after and details will follow by email.

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.