



MOTHERING INFANTS IN VIOLENT FAMILIES

Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

Research Team Update May 16th, 2006

We are welcoming new research assistants at each site, so please join us to find out who our newest team members are. We would also like to welcome our newest community research team member, Bernadette Poirie of Waycobah Family Healing Centre.

Recruitment efforts are now in full swing in Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island, and continue in New Brunswick. In New Brunswick we have not recruited any new mothers since before Christmas. So far there have not been any eligible mothers identified in Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island either. Our recruitment total to date, including the PEI pilot is n=7 mothers and n=8 service providers. We have a long way to go to achieve our goal of 90 mothers and 30 service providers! Any effort to get the word out to potential participants is appreciated.

Community research team members in New Brunswick met in mid April to discuss additional recruitment strategies. New ideas have included advertising before Reel Babies showings (film showings for moms and tots), in gyms, at bus stops, and through unions and employee assistance programs. Keeping service providers and other community organizations with recruitment materials informed about study progress will be very important as we continue to try and reach mothers.

The pamphlets with helpful tips for child development are being printed at all of the sites and will be ready for distribution shortly. These will be sent to physicians offices and shared at study presentations. Please contact one of the research assistants or Katie if you would like to receive pamphlets or suggest additional locations to distribute pamphlets.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support as we try to reach this hard to reach population!

The next quarterly research team meeting will be held on May 25th at 9:00 am.

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.