



MOTHERING INFANTS IN VIOLENT FAMILIES

Supporting Mother-Infant Relationships Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

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Completed Interviews

Service Providers: PEI= 6/10, NB=5/10, NS=0/10

Mothers: NB=5/30, PEI=3/20, NS=0/40

Research Team Update September 17th, 2007

General. The academic team members will be meeting on September 28th to talk about the protocol for responding to exceptional circumstances of participant eligibility.

Prince Edward Island. Three eligible mothers have agreed to be interviewed. Wonderful! These participants came forward after reading about the study in an article in the Guardian. Julie is also working on writing articles for journals and newsletters to raise awareness about the study and reconnecting with service providers. Ads have also been placed in online classifieds.

New Brunswick. Three additional service providers and one mother have agreed to be interviewed. Service providers have also told Katie about a number of mothers that have been given study materials. Two study presentations took place during the later part of August, and the response has been very positive. A number of groups have expressed interest in learning more about the study and/or family violence and effects on women and children. Upcoming presentations are scheduled in Bathurst, Miramichi, Woodstock, Oromocto, and Moncton. Coffee News has been a good source of new mothers in NB.

Cape Breton. There is one service provider lined up for an interview at present. Great work! A media blitz is being planned for the week of October 21st. Consent to be contacted forms have been approved in Cape Breton, and Karen and Patricia will be following up with service providers to share these forms. Ads have been placed in the Maritime Merchant, Coffee News, Channel 10, and continue to be posted through different networks.

Halifax. Nancy Mahoney is now fully established at the Halifax site (1-888-851-8777 toll free or 902-222-7427) and will be having a recruitment blitz in the coming month. Nancy and Jeannie continue networking with service providers, and have met with five Family Resource Centres in their area. Great job! News stories on CBC radio and in the Chronicle Herald are planned. Two mothers willing to be interviewed by media for the study have also been identified.

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.