

Ending Violence Association of
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Meet EVA BC

Our Mission and Mandate

The Ending Violence Association of British Columbia (EVA BC) works to coordinate and support the work of victim-serving and other anti-violence programs in British Columbia through the provision of issue-based consultation and analysis, resource development, training, research and education. Our work is guided by respect for difference, human dignity and equality.

More specifically, our mandate includes:

- Providing support and training
- Undertaking research
- Developing and distributing resources and tools
- Educating the public and government bodies on the needs of victims of violence
- Developing and maintaining service standards
- Fostering cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration

Our History

Prior to the creation of EVA BC (formerly the BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs) in 1992, the province's sexual assault centres and other specialized victim assistance programs struggled in isolation to resolve the same issues.

At the time, sexual assault centres received provincial funding to meet and exchange ideas annually. Hoping to improve coordination and information sharing, reduce duplication of effort and encourage networking, the centres began examining the possibility of forming a provincial association similar to those already in place for police-based victim assistance programs, women's centres and transition houses. A Secretary of State enabled centre representatives and their specialized victim assistance program counterparts to conduct a formal feasibility assessment.

In March 1992, the BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs was established. Membership was extended to Stopping the Violence (STV) counselling programs in 1994 and to STV outreach programs in 2008. Later that year, the BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs changed its name to the Ending Violence Association of British Columbia.

Today, EVA BC works with more than 240 victim-serving and other anti-violence programs across the province.

Our People

EVA BC Board Members

Region 1: North Vancouver Island	Jennifer Woods (Co-Chair)
Region 2: South Vancouver Island	Wendy Knapp
Region 3: Lower Mainland	Vacant
Region 4: Fraser Valley	Lori McHattie
Region 5: Interior	Jan Seelinger
Region 6: Okanagan	Aimee Thompson
Region 7: East Kootenays	Ashlene Chadburn
Region 8: West Kootenays	Sarah Bolton
Region 9: North West	Cheryl Rumley
Region 10: North Central	Bally Bassi (Co-Chair)
Region 11: North East	Nancy Taylor
Floating Seat	Irene Willsie (Region 10)

EVA BC Staff

Executive Director	Tracy Porteous
Office Manager	Habiba Rashid
Program Managers	Harjit Kaur
	Nila Somaia
Indigenous Communities Safety Project Consultant	Beverley Jacobs
Communications Manager	Nancy Boyce
Administrative Assistant (current)	Terran Bell
Administrative Assistant (former)	Lau Mehes
Safe Choices Program Coordinator	Bridgid McGowan

Community Coordination for Women's Safety Program

Regional Coordinators	Gail Edinger
	Michelle Novakowski
Contracted Regional Coordinator	Morgen Baldwin
Legal Issues Analyst	Gisela Ruebsaat

Our Partners

EVA BC is grateful for funding and working partnerships with the following organizations in the 2011–2012 fiscal year:

BC Association of Broadcasters
BC Chiefs of Municipal Police
BC Chiefs of Police
BC Federation of Labour
BC Lions Football Club
BC Society of Transition Houses
BC Women's Hospital
Britannia Community Centre
Canadian Women's Foundation
City of Surrey
City of Vancouver
Department of Justice, Canada

Encana Corporation
Global Television
Justice Education Society of BC
Legal Services Society
BC Ministry of Children and Family Development
BC Ministry of Justice (formerly the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General)
Pacific DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN)
RCMP E Division
RED FM
Simon Fraser University
Status of Women, Canada
The FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children
The Justice Institute of BC
The Law Foundation of BC
The Ontario Law Foundation
The Vancouver Foundation
The University of British Columbia
Whitewater Communications
Vancouver Coastal Health

Co-Chairs' Report

Our co-chair report for the 2011–2012 fiscal year summarizes the board of director's involvement in EVA BC. Over the past year, the board met regularly via teleconference and twice at in-person meetings in Vancouver. Each board member sits on at least one of the committees that provide guidance and feedback on important matters—including finance, policy, membership, personnel and the annual training forum—as well as various ad hoc committees that are formed to address emerging issues.

As EVA BC's executive director will report, this past year presented significant challenges for the anti-violence sector and, consequently, EVA BC. Although we appreciate the current government's interest in improving coordination of cross-sector response to risk identification and safety planning through the Provincial Domestic Violence Office of the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development, continued cuts to our training budget have proven to be challenging. Ensuring anti-violence workers across the province have the skills required to meet the sector's evolving demands is critical to our success.

We want to assure our membership that EVA BC continues to provide outstanding leadership and support on a vast spectrum of issues. EVA BC and Community Coordination for Women's Safety (CCWS) staff have demonstrated an astonishing ability to respond promptly to the urgent demands that continually arise. The board is included in discussions of important issues, so that we may provide input from the field and offer advice and support as needed.

The following include just a few of the many EVA BC generated activities and issues that stand out for us last year:

- The EVA BC listservs, website, newsletters and CWSS news bulletins provided

ongoing valuable information to the field.

- Throughout the year, EVA BC had many opportunities to speak about violence against women and children. The communication plan, key messages and training we received were very important in helping us deliver our messages more effectively. Huge thanks are owed to Robin Wilson for training the EVA BC to take our communication to another level
- We were able to expand our work with Aboriginal women throughout BC and along the “Highway of Tears” by working with Mavis Erikson and Beverley Jacobs to contribute to increasing women’s safety.
- EVA BC and the BC Lions Football Club entered phase 2 of a groundbreaking project aimed at helping people understand that everyone has a role to play in breaking the silence that surrounds violence against women. With support from Status of Women Canada, Encana Corporation, the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development, municipal governments in Surrey and Vancouver, Global TV, UBC Athletics, Red FM and the BC Association of Broadcasters. EVA BC and the BC Lions have been working together to develop and deliver a series of interactive workshops, training activities, radio and television public service announcements (PSAs), and a film and viewer’s guide directed at youth.

The program has helped to break the silence surrounding violence against women and girls by providing tools, language and practical ideas for being more than a bystander, speaking up, and not allowing violence and abuse to continue.

- EVA BC continues to work on the risk identification and safety planning initiative in consultation with the BC Ministry of Justice. Released in 2012, this e-training is available for anti-violence programs and workers who are responding to domestic violence in the province.
- We continued consulting member programs regarding training needs, program needs and the need for adequate compensation for the high quality of work provided.

One of the board’s primary responsibilities, along with the finance committee, is to oversee EVA BC’s finances. As the treasurer will report, the finances of EVA BC continue to be managed in a transparent and responsible manner. We are more than satisfied that the financial health of this organization remains responsibly managed.

The EVA BC staff are a strong, effective team that is dedicated to providing the quality and breadth of service we have come to expect. Tracy Porteous, executive director, continues to provide the energetic, focused and dynamic leadership that is her trademark. We would be remiss not to mention that last October, Tracy was honoured to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth for her work in the anti violence movement over the last 30 years. She was also honoured by the BC Lions and the Scotia Bank as a Game Changer at the opening game of the BC Lions this year. More and more EVA BC is being recognized for our leading edge work and we have Tracy to thank for much of this. But of course, she is blessed with an incredible team: office manager Habiba Rashid, program managers Harjit Kaur and Nila Somaia, communications manager Nancy Boyce and administrative assistants Lau Mehes and Terran Bell.

The CCWS team is an exceptional group of experienced women who provide valuable training, direction and analysis in the field of cross-sector coordination. They are: regional coordinators Gail Edinger and Michelle Novakowski, contracted regional coordinator Morgen Baldwin and legal issues analyst Gisela Ruebsaat.

EVA BC staff continue to provide effective advocacy for our programs, direct support for all of us in the field, and quick responses to systemic issues. We are blessed to have all of these women providing us with their passionate commitment and energy to the important work we all share.

In 2011-2012 we had a combination of strong, committed women who put so much of themselves into the Board work of EVA BC. They consisted of: Jennifer Woods, North Island; Lori McHattie, Fraser Valley; Jan Seelinger, Interior; Aimee Thompson, Okanagan; Bally Bassi, North Central; Cheryl Rumbley, North West; Nancy Taylor, North East; Sarah Bolton, West Kootenay; Ashlene Chadburn, East Kootenay; Wendy Knapp, South Island; and Irene Willsie, floating seat.

Finally, we want to salute you, our membership, for your support of EVA BC, the vital information and feedback you provide, and your unfailing dedication and support to survivors of violence.

And of course we want to acknowledge the thousands of women in BC who have experienced violence, yet often find the strength and courage to survive and heal and join with us to work towards a truly safe society.

Bally Bassi
Co-Chair, EVA BC Board

Jennifer Woods
Co-Chair, EVA BC Board

Executive Director's Report

Over the past two decades, I have witnessed firsthand how the commitment of EVA BC staff, Board members and partners has produced tangible improvements in the lives of anti-violence workers, and women and children who have been affected by violence, across BC. Today, it is with great pride that I highlight a number of our recent accomplishments in EVA BC's 20th annual report.

This past year, we were pleased to continue our "Be More Than a Bystander" initiative with the BC Lions Football Club, which aims to increase awareness and understanding about the impact of men's violence against women. After hosting training sessions with BC Lions football players and athletes from the University of British Columbia in early 2012, we spent the rest of the year organizing sessions at high schools across BC. One of the most exciting aspects of this campaign has been the unexpected spin-off impacts, including a parallel campaign with RedFM and South Asian wrestler Arjan Singh Bhullar that targets the Punjabi community. We estimate the message from the program reaches 30 Million views in the first year!

Alongside our public awareness initiatives, we continue to work behind the scenes to build bridges with key government entities and support member programs working in the

anti-violence sector. In November 2011, EVA BC was one of just two non-governmental organizations asked to help launch the new BC *Family Relations Act* in Victoria. More recently, a draft of our new “Workplace Violence in Anti-Violence Programs: Strategies to Increase Worker Safety” manual was circulated to all programs for comment. We look forward to receiving their feedback and finalizing the document in the coming year.

The last two initiatives I will highlight is first, a two-year project funded by the Ontario Law Foundation and is being conducted in partnership with the Legal Services Society and seeks to increase the safety of Indigenous women by providing knowledge-sharing opportunities for staff and leadership in BC’s Aboriginal organizations. On this front, we were pleased to welcome Beverley Jacobs as the project’s Indigenous communities project consultant. Our second exciting project in this area is a partnership we are doing with Northern Society for Domestic Peace where we are working with local Indigenous leaders to organize awareness building and training with Indigenous leaders in the communities of Houston, Hazelton and the First Nations communities of Anspa Yaxw (Kispiox), Sik-edakh (Glen Vowell), Gitsegukla (Kitseguecla), Gitwangak (Kitwanga) and Gitanyow to keep women and children safe.

Our work is not going unnoticed. EVA BC recently received the BC Association of Broadcasters’ Humanitarian Award for our work on the “Be More Than a Bystander” initiative. The \$ 1 Million free advertising time we received is helping us reach new audiences and spread the anti-violence message farther and wider than we ever imagined.

Please accept my continued respect and deepest thanks for the work you do every day to make BC a safer place.

Sincerely,

Tracy Porteous

Executive Director, EVA BC

Our Work

Member Support

One-on-One Consultations

EVA BC provides daily support to frontline workers and administrators in 240 STV counselling, STV outreach, multicultural outreach and community-based victim services programs across BC.

Each year, member programs bring to our attention a wide range of issues and concerns that they are encountering in their work. The following is a very small sampling of the types of challenges they faced in the 2011–2012 fiscal year:

- Insufficient resources to provide consistent service in communities.
- Anti-violence worker safety.
- Access to in-person, in-depth core training and support for anti-violence workers.
- Lack of clarity regarding the definition of STV counselling.
- Waitlists in STV counselling programs

- STV counselling clients who fail to attend appointments.
- Clients whose partners or ex-partners are involved in gangs.
- Referral protocols, particularly in small communities.
- Inconsistencies in how the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development applies the best practices outlined in “Best Practice Approaches: Child Protection and Violence Against Women,” published in November 2010.

Regional Conference Calls

Each year, EVA BC conducts regional conference calls with frontline workers from STV counselling, STV outreach and multicultural outreach programs across the province. These calls allow us to track regional and provincial trends, and provide participants—many of whom are otherwise isolated—with an important opportunity to discuss common challenges and solutions. This fiscal year, we hosted a series of eight conference calls in April and May 2011.

Training

Annual Training Forum

On March 1 and 2, 2012, EVA BC hosted its annual training forum at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond. More than 290 people—including 57 community-based victim services workers, 72 STV counsellors, 32 STV outreach and multicultural outreach workers, and representatives from sexual assault programs, transition and second-stage houses, police, police-based victim services, legal services, health services, youth justice and government—attended the event, which featured five keynote speakers and 11 workshops on “Emerging Issues in Anti-Violence: Working to Achieve Safety, Justice and Healing for Women and Children.” View videos and photos from the event online at: www.endingviolence.org/node/1165

Core Training for STV Counsellors

Between March 12 and 16, 2012, EVA BC delivered condensed core training in Nanaimo for 13 STV counsellors from across BC. The training, which was developed in collaboration with Haven Society, was facilitated by EVA BC program manager Nila Somaia, Haven Society counselling coordinator Karen Max and several guest presenters. Topics covered included: feminist counselling, ethical practice, vicarious trauma and self care, intake and assessment, role of the family, survivors and the healing process, and program management.

Workshops and Training Sessions

Surrey Tax Centre

On December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, EVA BC Executive Director Tracy Porteous and several players from the BC Lions Football Club delivered in-service training on how to “be more than a bystander” to 250 Revenue Canada staff at the Surrey Tax Centre.

Duncan

On March 30, 2012, EVA BC delivered a training session on issues facing immigrant, refugee, and non-status women at the “Building Skills & Coordination for Safety for Immigrant Women” conference in Duncan. The event was organized by Cowichan Women Against Violence in partnership with Cowichan Valley Intercultural Society and EVA BC.

Curriculum Development

EVA BC has been working closely with the BC Society of Transition Houses, police-based victim services, the BC Ministry of Justice, BC Housing and Open School to develop new online E-training on safety planning for victim service workers in STV counselling programs, STV and multicultural outreach programs, children who witness abuse programs and transition houses.

Resources

Newsletter

EVA BC published four newsletters in the 2011–2012 fiscal year:

- **Spring 2011 Special Print Edition:** Titled “Increasing the Safety and Wellness of Women Impacted by Violence,” this 80-page journal was developed in collaboration with the Women and Gender Studies Department of the University of British Columbia (UBC) in recognition of National Victims of Crime Awareness Week (NVCAW). The articles presented background information and research on a number of key issues, including Aboriginal wellness strategies, healthy queer relationships, Canada’s sex worker policy, spousal homicide rates, and immigrant brides who are abandoned by their non-resident husbands.
- **July 2011 e-Newsletter:** In this online edition of the newsletter, we introduced our new “Be More Than a Bystander” initiative with the BC Lions, reported on a regional gathering in Terrace aimed at addressing violence against Aboriginal women in northwest BC, discussed a new Haida Gwaii harm reduction project called “You Can’t Hurry Love” aimed at young girls who are having sexual relationships with older men, shared information on working with women who do not have immigration status in Canada, welcomed a new program manager and bid farewell to Cathy Welch, and unveiled updates to the EVA BC website.
- **Winter 2011 Print Edition:** Featured articles in this issue included a discussion of the role of allies in anti-violence work, an update on the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry, a report on how BC scores against the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and a tribute to anti-violence worker Bayush Hagos.
- **Spring 2012 Print Edition:** This issue sampled the work of keynote speakers from EVA BC’s annual training forum in 2012. Other highlights included a discussion of the impacts of Bill C-31 on Haida Gwaii women and an introduction to Beverley Jacobs, our new Indigenous Communities Project Consultant.

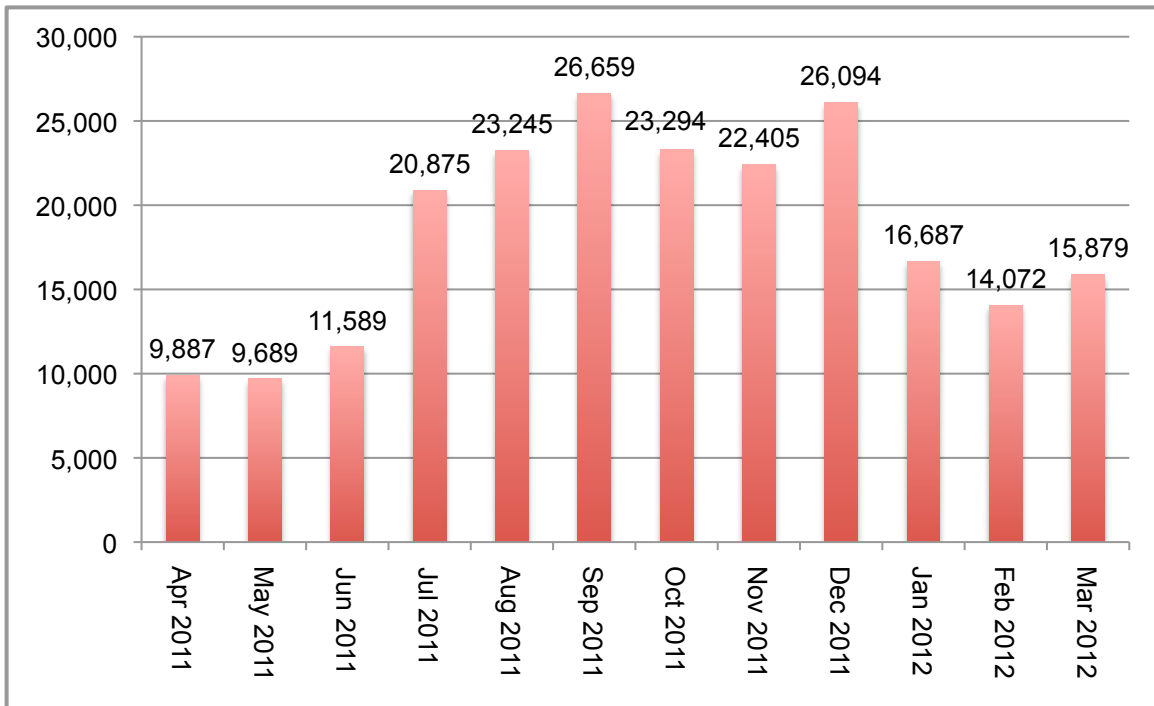
Our members continue to express their appreciation for the in-depth articles, practical tips and resources included in each issue. The online e-newsletters, which were introduced in September 2010 as a complement to the traditional print format, are designed to provide readers with short, timely updates on the issues that matter to them most. Past newsletters are available online at: www.endingviolence.org/newsletter

Website

The EVA BC website has proven to be an invaluable tool for our member programs and anyone seeking information on violence against women and children. Since relaunching the site in 2007, we have continued to update the pages with new publications, resources and links to relevant sites. Find us online at: www.endingviolence.org

Between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012, the site drew 220,375 visits—roughly 18,365 visits per month or 602 visits per day (see Figure 1). The launch of the “Be More Than a Bystander” initiative increased site traffic significantly, nearly doubling the number of visitors between the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 fiscal years.

Figure 1: Visits to the EVA BC website, 2011–2012 fiscal year



Source: EVA BC

Listservs and E-mail Groups

EVA BC manages eight listservs, which continue to be an important way for member programs and anti-violence workers to learn and share information. Our staff monitors the content and contributes to the discussion. We offer listservs for:

- STV counselling across BC.
- STV counselling in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley.
- Community-based victim services.
- STV outreach.
- Executive directors.
- Aboriginal women.
- Coordination of violence against women.
- The CCWS provincial working group.

For programs that prefer not to participate in the listservs, EVA BC has created a set of e-mail groups that enables us to communicate with them electronically and phase out the broadcast fax system.

Social Media

Launched in September 2010, EVA BC's Facebook page has grown steadily over the past two years. Today, our page has approximately 400 "likes." Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/EndingViolence.org

In addition, we have reserved the following Twitter handles for use in future initiatives: @RightToBeSafe, @Right2BSafe, @EndingViolence1 and @EndViolenceBC.

Database of Clinical Supervisors

EVA BC maintains a database of experienced feminist clinical supervisors across BC who are available to work with STV counselling programs. The list has been distributed to STV counselling programs seeking clinical supervision and continues to be a helpful resource.

Ongoing Programs and Initiatives

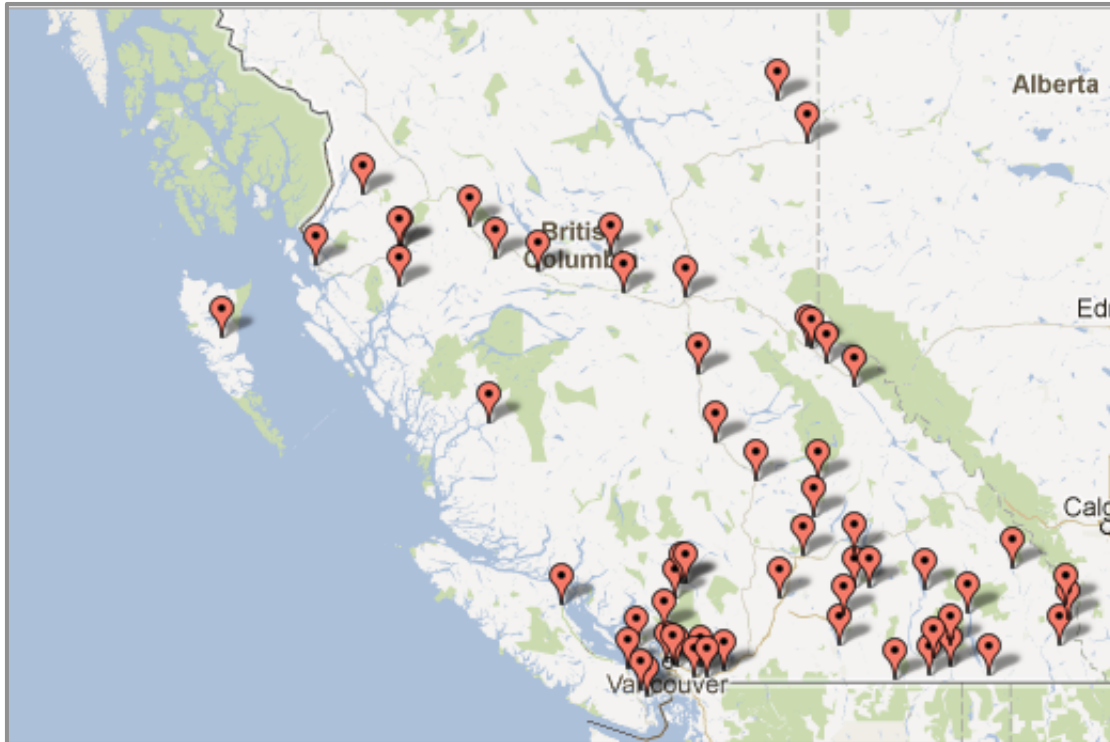
Community Coordination for Women's Safety (CCWS)

This major provincial program helps BC communities develop and improve existing models of cross-sector coordination on violence against women. CCWS brings together different sectors in a community—counselling centres, transition houses, police, hospitals, Aboriginal services and others—to ensure that all services work together as effectively as possible.

Community Support and Capacity Building

Between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012, CCWS regional coordinators provided support to 59 BC communities by way of in-person training, community and regional capacity-building sessions, and telephone and e-mail consultations (see Figure 2).

Figure 2: Communities reached by CCWS during the 2011–2012 fiscal year



Source: Produced by EVA BC at www.batchgeocode.com/.

100 Mile House
Abbotsford
Barriere
Bella Coola
Burnaby
Burns Lake
Campbell River
Castlegar
Chilliwack
Clearwater
Creston
Dawson Creek
Dunster
Elkford
Elk Valley
Fernie
Fort St. James
Fort St. John
Grand Forks
Haida Gwaii

Houston
Invermere
Kamloops
Kaslo
Kelowna
Kitimat
Langley
Lumby
McBride
Merritt
Mission
Mt. Currie
Nakusp
Nanaimo
Nass Valley
Nelson
New Westminster
Outer Gulf Islands
Pemberton
Penticton

Prince George
Prince Rupert
Quesnel
Robson Valley
Salmo
Salmon Arm
Salt Spring Island
Sechelt
Skeena Valley
Smithers
Squamish
Terrace
Trail
Valemount
Vancouver
Vanderhoof
Vernon
Whistler
Williams Lake

CCWS offered the following community capacity-building sessions this fiscal year:

- “Do Policies Effectively Respond to the Safety Needs of Women Impacted by Violence?” at the BC Women’s Hospital and Health Centre in Vancouver on October 11, 2011
- “Domestic Violence: Developing a Community Response to Risk and Safety” in

Vernon on February 1 and 2, 2012

- “Setting Our Directions” strategic planning meeting in Kelowna on February 9, 2012
- “Working Collaboratively on Risk and Safety” in Haida Gwaii (north end) on February 16, 2012
- “Together We Are Stronger” in Haida Gwaii (south end) on February 17, 2012
- “Developing a High-Risk Team” in 100 Mile House on February 20, 2012
- “The Importance, Principles and Practices of Effective Collaboration for Women’s Safety” in Prince George on March 28, 2012
- Participation in the Northwest Family Violence Conference in Terrace on March 30, 2012

BC communities also benefited from several CCWS capacity-building workshops at the EVA BC annual training forum in 2012:

- “Introduction to Community-Based Victim Service Work”
- “Introduction to STV Outreach”
- “Domestic Violence and Children’s Safety with a Focus on Empowerment and Effective Communication”

Finally, CCWS is testing a new model of regional support in Terrace, Kitsumkalum, Gitau, Nass Valley and Kitimat whereby a CCWS regional coordinator who lives in the area attends local Stopping Violence in Relationships Committee meetings and assists with work planning, goal setting and education.

Intersectoral Collaboration

A provincial working group, which includes senior personnel from government, police and community agencies, guides the work of CCWS. Its members provide input on issues related to their fields of expertise, and identify local and provincial strategies to help enhance coordination and implementation of anti-violence policies.

This fiscal year, CCWS was pleased to welcome a number of new members to the group, including the BC Representative for Children and Youth and representatives from the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centre, BC Housing, the BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, the BC Ministry of Social Development, the Coroner’s Service of BC and the Saanich Police Department. The provincial working group met twice, on September 27, 2011 and March 6, 2012.

In addition, CCWS conducted two conference calls with Violence Against Women in Relationships (VAWIR) committee coordinators from around the province on October 18, 2011 and February 21, 2012.

Resource Development

Each year, CCWS produces resources to help people in the field analyze issues from a cross-disciplinary perspective. The following new resources were created in the 2011–2012 fiscal year:

- Two CCWS News Bulletins with updates on the program’s activities, published in November 21 and March 2012
- “Building a Safety Net: Supports for Women Experiencing Violence in Their Relationships,” a community referral brochure developed in conjunction with Vernon Women’s Transition House Society
- “High-Risk Cases of Violence Against Women in Relationships: Collaborative Safety Planning”

- “100 Mile House VIR: Developing a High-Risk Team” PowerPoint presentation
- “Administrative Tasks for Coordination Initiatives”
- “CCWS-Annotated FIPPA Amendments 2012,” an internal document to help CCWS plan and develop additional resources
- “CCWS Information Bulletin on the Family Law Act: Implications for Anti-Violence Workers,” a draft document developed in consultation with the Civil Law policy unit of the BC Ministry of Justice that will be posted on the EVA BC website and listservs
- “Developing Goals and Objectives: A Process Exercise for Violence Against Women Coordination Initiatives”
- “Disclosing Information in Woman Abuse Cases 2012,” a 2011 document for community-based agencies working as part of interagency case assessment or high-risk case management teams that has been updated to reflect amendments to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- “Domestic Violence and Children’s Safety: The Wisdom Is in the Room,” a PowerPoint presentation delivered at the EVA BC annual training forum in 2012
- “How Can You Tell? Signs That a Child May Be Experiencing Domestic Violence,” a handout distributed at the EVA BC annual training forum in 2012
- “Domestic Violence: Developing a Community Response to Risk and Safety,” a PowerPoint presentation
- “Is Your Client Safe? A Lawyer’s Guide to Relationship Violence,” a brochure produced in partnership with Legal Services Society (LSS) and EVA BC that will be posted on the EVA BC and LSS websites and distributed to legal aid lawyers and private legal professionals working on mediations across BC
- A series of five “Is Your Client Safe?” fact sheets:
 - “Encouraging Disclosure”
 - “Relationship Violence Client Resources”
 - “Relationship Violence Legal Resources”
 - “Safety Planning for You and Your Staff”
 - “Safety Planning for Your Client”
- “The Importance, Principles and Practices of Effective Collaboration for Women’s Safety,” a PowerPoint presentation delivered at the Northern Horizons Conference in Prince George on March 28, 2012
- “Critical Sites for Safety: Worksheet #1,” a handout distributed at the Northern Horizons Conference in Prince George on March 28, 2012
- “Privacy Is Not an Abstract Concept: Worksheet #5,” a handout distributed at the Northern Horizons Conference in Prince George on March 28, 2012
- “Planning for Case Conferencing: For Violence Against Women in Relationships Committees”
- “Privacy Provisions Which Impact Services Delivered by Community-Based Anti-Violence Programs”
- “New FIPPA Amendments and Domestic Violence,” a PowerPoint presentation that was prepared by Celia Francis and distributed to CCWS Working Group members
- “Violence Against Women in Relationships Committee: Strategic Planning Day,” a PowerPoint presentation delivered at a strategic planning session in Kelowna on February 9, 2012
- “Criteria for a Good Goal Statement” handout distributed at a strategic planning session in Kelowna on February 9, 2012
- “Compendium of Processes and Protocols for Building a Coordinated Response to Violence Against Women”

Safe Choices Support and Education Program

Funded by the SMART Fund of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the Safe Choices program works to end abuse and create healthy, respectful relationships for lesbian, bisexual, queer, Two-Spirit and trans women by offering support and education that empowers women and enhances the capacity of our communities to respond to this issue. The program's key services include the "Healthy Relationships" workshop series and service provider training.

EVA BC welcomed new Safe Choices Program Coordinator Bridgid McGowan in July 2011 and recently launched a Facebook page for the program. Find Safe Choices on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Safe-Choices-Support-and-Education-Program/201862469883345

Public Education

In the 2011–2012 fiscal year, Safe Choices held public education workshops on the following topics:

- "Sexuality Intimacy and Desire" (April 30, 2011)
- "Mind Your Own Business, Don't Air Our Dirty Laundry: Talking About Relationship Concerns with Family and Friends" (May 16, 2011)
- "After the Honeymoon: Healthy Communication and Problem Solving" (October 15, 2011)
- "After the Honeymoon: Healthy Communication and Problem Solving" (November 3, 2011)
- "Knowing Me, Knowing You: Negotiating Self and Togetherness in Relationships" (November 26, 2011)
- "Knowing Me, Knowing You: Negotiating Self and Togetherness in Relationships" (March 27, 2012)
- "Healthy Relationships for Queer Youth" (March 30, 2012)

Response to the program's free "Healthy Relationships" workshop series has been particularly positive in recent months, with good turnouts and positive feedback from participants. Looking ahead, Safe Choices is taking steps to continue reaching out to several new groups through training and other initiatives, including:

- Queer youth
- Queer folks of all ages who are part of other marginalized communities
- People in polyamorous relationships who are experiencing violence
- Trans folk who are in the process of transitioning

Service Provider Training

During the same period, the following training was offered to service providers:

- "Supporting Queer Women Who Experience Violence in Relationships" at the BC Society of Transition Houses (October 20, 2011)
- "Intimate Partner Violence in LGBTQ Lives: Developing Ethical Frameworks," a keynote address at EVA BC's annual training forum (March 1, 2012)
- "Thinking Outside the Box: Responding to Same-Sex Relationship Violence," a workshop at EVA BC's annual training forum (March 2, 2012)
- "Supporting Queer Women Who Experience Violence in Relationships" at Vancouver College of Counsellor Training (March 23, 2012)
- "Supporting Queer Women Who Experience Violence in Relationships" at Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House (March 27, 2012)
- "Supporting Queer Women Who Experience Violence in Relationships" at North

Shore Family Services (March 28, 2012)

The “Healthy Relationships and Service Provider Curriculum” is available for purchase online on an honorarium basis. As the first curriculum of its kind to enter the public domain, it is an invaluable resource for prevention and intervention strategies for same-gender relationship abuse. Find the curriculum online at: www.endingviolence.org/node/453

Melissa Chatham Memorial Fund

On September 21, 2008, 24-year-old Melissa Chatham was tragically taken from her family and friends in an act of violence. At the request of the Chatham family, EVA BC set up a memorial fund in honour of Melissa’s life. The donations received are used to support other young women across BC who face violence in their relationships. Learn more at: www.endingviolence.org/node/1087

Consultation

Online Survey on Prevention, Accessibility and Community Coordination

In January 2012, EVA BC launched an online survey of member programs regarding prevention activities, increasing accessibility and community coordination. Survey results will be summarized and submitted to the BC Ministry of Justice as part of EVA BC’s contract deliverables.

Online Survey on Forced Marriages and “Honour-Based” Crimes

In February 2012, EVA BC launched an online survey on forced marriages, “honour-based” crimes and access to support services. The survey was distributed to all member programs throughout the province.

Consultation on the Worker Safety Handbook

An electronic version of EVA BC’s consultation draft of “Workplace Violence in Anti-Violence Programs: Strategies to Increase Worker Safety” was released to all programs in the province for comment and feedback in early 2012.

Collaboration

BC Lions Football Club

The “Be More Than a Bystander” campaign is a ground-breaking partnership between EVA BC and the BC Lions Football Club, which aims to increase awareness and understanding about the impact of men’s violence against women. BC Lions sports icons are using their status and public profile to encourage everyone to break the silence on violence against women.

Athlete Education

In January 2012, Jackson Katz and Daryl Fort of the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program facilitated three days of training for BC Lions football players, five athletes from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and South Asian wrestler Arjan Singh Bhullar. EVA BC’s Harjit Kaur and Lau Mehes, and Surrey Women’s Centre’s Corinne Arthur, collaborated to deliver part of the training.

Once trained, BC Lions players will facilitate sessions with high-school students throughout the province. Nine school visits were completed in the 2011–2012 fiscal year

and an additional eight were completed before school let out in June 2012. Another 23 visits are planned for the 2012–2013 school year. Similarly, the UBC athletes will use what they learned to support anti-violence training on the university campus.

Campaign-Inspired Activities

The success of the “Be More Than a Bystander” campaign has inspired others to consider pursuing similar partnerships elsewhere in Canada. Senator David Braley, who owns both the BC Lions and the Toronto Argonauts, is interested in expanding the campaign to Ontario. Similarly, in Alberta, the Edmonton Sexual Assault Centre has expressed interest in partnering with the Junior Hockey League of Alberta. There have even been preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of a national campaign with the Canadian Football League.

EVA BC was also contacted by RedFM, a Punjabi radio station based in Surrey that wanted to help spread the campaign’s message. Together, we created 30-second PSAs in Punjabi featuring South Asian wrestler Arjan Singh Bhullar, who had also approached EVA BC when he heard about “Be More Than a Bystander” campaign. The PSAs began airing on RedFM in January 2012.

Public Reach

The “Be More Than a Bystander” campaign has received considerable media coverage:

- **Television:** As a result of the BC Lions Football Club leveraging its relationship with Global Television, the campaign’s seven 15-second public service announcements (PSAs) featuring J.R. Larose, Travis Lulay, Geroy Simon and Angus Reid aired 134 times—often in prime-time slots prior to newscasts.
- **Radio:** Four PSAs featuring JR Larose, Travis Lulay and Angus Reid aired during each of the BC Lions’ nine home games, which were heard by an estimated 203,521 people.
- **Newspaper:** A full-page ad taken out by the BC Lions in *The Province* newspaper on July 22, 2011 was viewed by 151,040 people.
- **BC Lions website:** A “Be More Than a Bystander” banner ad on the BC Lions homepage (www.bclions.com) was viewed by 228,847 unique visitors between July and December 2011 alone.
- **Field signs:** Four large signs were placed on the sidelines at the 10-yard line during BC Lions home games. The signs’ strategic placement made them highly visible for TSN-televised games, which drew an average of 795,000 viewers in 2011.
- **Game programs:** Game-day ads in the programs reached an estimated 6,185 people.
- **In-stadium announcements:** Three PSAs were broadcast at each BC Lions home game. An estimated 267,525 people heard those ads.
- **Bus shelter posters:** The City of Vancouver donated advertising space at 10 bus shelters for 42 days. Similarly, the City of Surrey donated advertising space at six bus shelters for 28 days. An estimated 6.85 million people saw these posters.
- **Digital ads on bridges:** The City of Surrey donated advertising space on the Port Mann, Alex Fraser and Pattullo bridges for 15 weeks. An estimated 5.58 million people saw these digital ads.

Legal Services Society

EVA BC is working closely with the Legal Services Society on a two-year project funded by the Ontario Law Foundation that aims to increase the safety of indigenous women by providing knowledge-sharing opportunities for staff and leadership in BC’s Aboriginal

organizations. Areas of focus include: criminal justice, family justice, child protection laws, and policies and practices that affect women who have experienced violence. Beverley Jacobs has been contracted to serve as the project's indigenous communities project consultant.

National Victims Advisory Committee

On December 1, 2011, EVA BC executive director Tracy Porteous attended a National Victims Advisory Committee meeting in Ottawa.

Simon Fraser University

On December 5, 2011, EVA BC executive director Tracy Porteous spoke at the launch of the Rossiter report on domestic violence in BC. The study was led by Kate Rossiter, associate director of Simon Fraser University's FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children, and released by the Justice Institute of British Columbia. EVA BC is currently working closely with the FREDA Centre on a national conference that will examine links between sexual and domestic violence.

Then, on December 8, 2011, EVA BC staff attended SFU's "Red Shoes, Green Belts and White Ribbons" breakfast event, which helped to raise awareness of gender violence.

South Fraser Legal Resource Centre

EVA BC worked with the South Fraser Legal Resource Centre to compile a summary of the resources developed as part of the Law Foundation Project.

Vancouver Police Department

On February 6 and 7, EVA BC staff attended a two-day Vancouver Police Department workshop titled "Dying to be Canadian" on "honour-based" violence. The workshop is part of the department's cultural competency training.

We Can BC Campaign

On November 3, 2011, EVA BC helped the We Can BC Campaign launch the "Ghosts of Violence" ballet, a ground-breaking multimedia production that brings the issue of domestic violence against women into the spotlight.

Then, on February 10, 2012, we participated in the campaign's annual planning retreat, which was held at the head office of the BC Teachers' Federation.

Program Representation and Assistance to Government

Launch of the New Family Relations Act

EVA BC was one of two non-government organizations asked to assist in the launch of the new *Family Relations Act* in Victoria on November 14, 2011. EVA BC executive director Tracy Porteous was on hand at the BC legislature and available for media comment throughout the day.

Awards and Achievements

BC Association of Broadcasters' Humanitarian Award

In 2012, EVA BC received the BC Association of Broadcasters' Humanitarian Award, in large part for the "Be More Than a Bystander" initiative. Established in 1980, the award was created to provide charitable organizations with a distribution network to

communicate their message. Collectively, BC broadcasters donate millions of dollars in advertising time to ensure that the award's recipient receives significant exposure throughout the province.

Lifetime Achievement Award

On October 13, 2011, EVA BC executive director Tracy Porteous was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth. The award recognized Tracy's dedication to improving the lives of children, youth and families across BC for over 30 years—particularly through her work with EVA BC.

Appendix A: Program Members

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
100 Mile House Women's Centre Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Abbotsford Community Services	Abbotsford Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Abbotsford Community Services	Abuse Counselling and Support Services	STV
Abbotsford Community Services	Multicultural Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Abbotsford Community Services	Mission Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Aboriginal Health Services – Vancouver Coastal Health	Aboriginal Wellness Program	CBVS
Alberni Community and Women's Services Society	Community Based Victim Service Program	CBVS
Alberni Community and Women's Services Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Alberni Community and Women's Services Society	Outreach Program	STV ORS
Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Atira Women's Resource Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support	Community Based Victim Service Program	CBVS
BC 211	VictimLINK	CBVS
BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre	Sexual Assault Support Services	OSP
Bella Coola Community Support Society	Bella Coola Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Bella Coola Community Support Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV
Bella Coola Community Support Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Boundary Family & Individual Services Society	DAWN – Counselling Program for Women	STV
Boundary Family & Individual Services Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Burnaby Family Life Institute	Stopping Violence Against Women Program	STV
Campbell River Family Services Society	Community Based Victim Service Program	CBVS
Campbell River & North Island Transition Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Canadian Mental Health Association	Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays	Community Outreach Services	ORS
Castlegar & District Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
Castlegar & District Community Services Society	STV Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society	Women's Outreach Services	STV ORS
Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Society of Greater Victoria (Mary Manning Centre)	Victim Service Program	CBVS
Chilliwack Community Services	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Chimo Crisis Services	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Chinese Community Policing Centre	Specialized Victim Services	CBVS
Community Connections (Revelstoke) Society	Choices for Women	STV
Community Connections (Revelstoke) Society	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Comox Valley Family Services Association	Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Comox Valley Transition Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Contact Women's Group Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV
Cowichan Women Against Violence Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Cowichan Women Against Violence Society	Specialized Victim Services	CBVS
Creston & District Community Resource Centre	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Cythera Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Cythera Transition House Society	Multicultural Services	MCS
Deltassist Family and Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Deltassist Family and Community Services Society	Alternatives to Violence	STV ORS
District 69 Family Resource Association	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society	STV Multicultural Program	MCS
Dixon Transition Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Family Resource Centre of Invermere	Women's Counselling Program	STV
Family Resource Centre of Invermere	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Family Resource Centre Society for the North Okanagan	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	New West Stopping the Violence Program	STV

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
Family Services of Greater Vancouver – VISAC	Adult Services Program	STV
Family Services of Greater Vancouver – TASA Counselling Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Family Violence Unit	CBVS
Family Services of Greater Vancouver – VISAC	Victim Support Services	CBVS
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Burnaby/New West Community Based Victim Services Program	CBVS
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Vancouver Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)	CBVS
Family Services of the North Shore	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Family Violence Resource Centre	Sexual Abuse Intervention Program	SAIP
Fernie Women's Resource & Drop-In Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Fernie Women's Resource & Drop-In Centre	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Fireweed Collective Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Fireweed Collective Society	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Fort Nelson Aboriginal Friendship Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Gitxsan Unlocking Aboriginal Justice Society	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Golden Family Centre Society	Abuse Recovery Program – Stopping the Violence Program	STV
Golden Women's Resource Centre Society	Golden Outreach Program	STV ORS
Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace	Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace	STV Counselling Program	STV
Haven Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Haven Society	Community Victim Services	CBVS
Haven Society	Haven Outreach Services	STV ORS
Haven Society	Haven Society Community Victim Services, Parksville	CBVS
Hollyburn Family Services Society	Family & Relationship Violence Victim Support Services	CBVS
Hope & Area Transition Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Howe Sound Women's Centre Society	Multicultural Outreach Program	MCS
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Stopping the Violence Against Women Program, Langley	STV

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Stopping the Violence Against Women Program, Aldergrove	STV
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Ishtar Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Island Women Against Violence	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Island Women Against Violence	Community Outreach Services	STV ORS
Islands Women Society	Haida Gwaii Women's Counselling Program	STV
Islands Women Society	Community Outreach Services	STV ORS
Islands Women Society	Haida Gwaii Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Kamloops Community YMCA – YWCA Shelter Services	Y Women's Emergency Shelter Outreach Services	STV ORS
Kelowna Family Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Kiwassa Neighbourhood House	Domestic Violence Prevention Program	OSP
Kootenai Community Centre Society	Creston Outreach Program	STV ORS
Ksan House Society	Stopping Violence Counselling Program	STV
Ksan House Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program	STV ORS
Ksan House Society	Terrace Sexual Assault Centre/Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Laichwiltach Family Life Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program, Gold River	STV ORS
Laichwiltach Family Life Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program, Campbell River	STV ORS
Lillooet Friendship Centre Society	CHOICES - STV Counselling Program	STV
Lillooet Friendship Centre Society	Lillooet Community Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Lower Similkameen Community Services Society	LSCSS Stopping the Violence Program	STV
Mackenzie Counselling Services Society	Connections	STV
Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services	Community Based Victim Services Program	CBVS
MOSAIC	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
MOSAIC	Multicultural Outreach Program	MCS
MOSAIC	Multicultural Victim Services Program	CBVS
Nelson Community Services Centre Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Nelson Community Services Centre Society	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Nicola Valley Community Human Services Association	Nicola Family Therapy, STV Counselling Program	STV
North Coast Transition Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
North Coast Transition Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre Society	Port Hardy Women's Outreach	STV ORS
North Island Survivors Healing Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	Community Based Victim Services Program	CBVS
North Peace Community Resources Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV
North Peace Community Resources Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
North Peace Community Resources Society	Community Based Victim Services Program	CBVS
North Shore Crisis Services Society	Multicultural Outreach Services	MCS
North Shore Crisis Services Society	Outreach Services Program	STV ORS
Northern Society for Domestic Peace	Stopping the Violence Counselling, Smithers	STV
Northern Society for Domestic Peace	Stopping the Violence Counselling, Houston	STV
Northern Society for Domestic Peace	Specialized Victim Assistance	CBVS
Northern Society for Domestic Peace	Stopping the Violence Outreach Services	STV ORS
Omineca Safe Home Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Omineca Safe Home Society	Outreach Services	STV ORS
Pacific Centre Family Services Association	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Phoenix Transition Society	Specialized Outreach Program	OSP
Powell River Community Services Association	Specialized Victim Support Services	CBVS
Powell River & Region Transition House Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Powell River & Region Transition House Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program	STV ORS
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program, Burns Lake	STV
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Quesnel Family & Sexual Victim Support Services	CBVS
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Women's Services Outreach	STV ORS
Prince George Native Friendship Centre	SATS – Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Prince Rupert Community Enrichment Society	Community Based Victim Services	CBVS

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
Princeton Family Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Quesnel Women's Resource Centre	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Quesnel Women's Resource Centre	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Robson Valley Home Support Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Robson Valley Home Support Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program	STV ORS
Salmo Community Resources Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Saulteau First Nations	Outreach Program	ORS
Sea To Sky Community Services	STV Counselling Program, Squamish	STV
Sea To Sky Community Services	STV Counselling Program, Whistler / Pemberton	STV
Sea To Sky Community Services	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society	Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program	STV ORS
Sooke Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program, Sooke	STV
Sooke Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program, Port Renfrew	STV
Sooke Transition House Society	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Sources – Women's Place	STV Counselling Program, Surrey/ Newton	STV
Sources – Women's Place	STV Counselling Program, Surrey / White Rock	STV
South Okanagan Integrated Community Services Society – Desert Sun Counselling & Resource Centre	STV Counselling Program, Oliver	STV
South Okanagan Integrated Community Services Society – Desert Sun Counselling & Resource Centre	STV Counselling Program, Osoyoos	STV
South Okanagan Victim Assistance Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV
South Okanagan Victim Assistance Society	Community Based Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
South Peace Community Resources Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
South Peace Community Resources Society	Specialized Victim Services	CBVS
South Peace Community Resources Society	Dawson Creek Outreach	STV ORS
South Peace Community Resources Society	Tumbler Ridge Outreach	STV ORS

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
Summit Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence, Women's Counselling Program, Cranbrook	STV
Summit Community Services Society	Women's Support Services, Kimberley	STV
Summit Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Services	STV ORS
Summit Community Services Society	Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	Women's Counselling Services	STV
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	Sunshine Coast Community Based Victim Services	CBVS
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	Women's Outreach Services	STV ORS
Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S.) Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Surrey Women's Centre Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV
Surrey Women's Centre Society	Surrey Community Victim Services	CBVS
Tamitik Status of Women Association	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Tamitik Status of Women Association	Outreach Program	STV ORS
The Advocacy Centre / Nelson CARES Society	Specialized Victim Services	CBVS
The Alma Mater Society, UBC	Sexual Assault Support Centre	OSP
Trail Family & Individual Resource Centre Society	Specialized Victim Services	CBVS
Trail Family & Individual Resource Centre Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Tri-City Transitions Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Tri-City Transitions Society	Community Based Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Tri-City Transitions Society	Outreach Program	STV ORS
Vancouver Island Men's Trauma Counselling Society – Men's Trauma Centre	Men's Trauma Program: Victims Assistance	CBVS
Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services Society	Victim Services Program	CBVS
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVS
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	Outreach Services	STV ORS

Agency Name	Program Name	Program Type
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program – Enderby / Armstrong	
Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre	Sexual Violence Victim Services	CBVS
Victoria Women's Transition House Society	Spousal Assault Victim Support Program	CBVS
Victoria Women's Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Westcoast Community Resources Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Westcoast Community Resources Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	STV Program, Abbotsford	STV
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	STV Program, Mission	STV
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	Multicultural Outreach, Abbotsford	MCS
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	Multicultural Outreach, Mission	MCS
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	STV Outreach Program, Mission	STV ORS
Yellowhead Community Services Society	STV Counselling Program	STV

Abbreviations

CBVS = Community-Based Victim Services Program
 STV = Stopping the Violence Counselling Program
 STV ORS = Stopping the Violence Outreach Program
 MCS = Multicultural Services
 OSP = Other Similar Program

Appendix B: Audited Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Ending Violence Association of British Columbia

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ending Violence Association of British Columbia, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2012, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian general accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified audit opinion.

M. Guerrero and Associates Ltd.
Certified General Accountant
101 - 3008 Henry St. Port Moody, B.C. V3H 2K3

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Association derives a part of its revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and net assets.

Qualified Opinion

In my opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ending Violence Association of British Columbia as at March 31, 2012, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations.



Port Moody, British Columbia
June 6, 2012

Certified General Accountant

ENDING VIOLENCE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Statement of Operations
For the year ended March 31, 2012

			2012	2011
	Invested in Capital Assets \$	Operations Schedules 1 and 2 \$	Total \$	Total \$
		<i>(Note 6)</i>		
REVENUES				
Province of British Columbia	\$ -	\$ 657,120	\$ 657,120	\$ 665,126
Federal grants	-	198,900	198,900	211,900
Project transfers (Note 7)	-	147,528	147,528	178,193
Other contributions	-	83,101	83,101	60,808
Foundation funding (Note 8)	-	43,104	43,104	116,025
Membership fees	-	16,945	16,945	16,165
Interest Income	-	4,496	4,496	2,105
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	444	-	444	-
	444	1,151,194	1,151,638	1,250,322
EXPENSES				
Salaries, benefits and purchased services	-	853,002	853,002	889,077
Travel and accommodation	-	123,147	123,147	141,362
Rent and site costs (Note 10)	-	48,793	48,793	49,411
Meetings	-	28,012	28,012	21,817
Public education promotion	-	27,872	27,872	75,000
Materials and supplies	-	23,304	23,304	30,771
Non-recoverable taxes	-	15,808	15,808	18,364
Postage, printing and courier	-	12,479	12,479	10,421
Telephone and communications	-	8,781	8,781	10,058
Other costs	-	6,495	6,495	4,230
Amortization of capital assets	4,922	-	4,922	4,663
	4,922	1,147,693	1,152,615	1,255,174
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR				
	\$ (4,478)	\$ 3,501	\$ (977)	\$ (4,852)

The accompanying is an integral part of these financial statements.

ENDING VIOLENCE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended March 31, 2012

	2012			2011	
	Invested in Capital Assets \$	Operations Schedules 1 and 2 \$	Total \$	Total \$	
NET ASSETS , beginning of year	\$ 9,461	\$ -	\$ 31,214	\$ 45,527	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(4,478)	3,501	-	(4,852)	
Invested in capital assets	1,332	-	(1,332)	-	
Transfer to unrestricted	-	(3,501)	3,501	-	
NET ASSETS , end of year	\$ 6,315	\$ -	\$ 33,383	\$ 40,675	

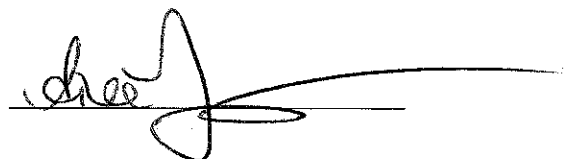
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ENDING VIOLENCE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2012

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 558,813	\$ 211,808
Accounts receivable	97,467	322,768
Tax recoverable	20,436	16,633
Prepaid expenses	3,876	5,871
	680,592	557,080
LIBRARY AND RESOURCES	12,444	14,480
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)	5,871	9,461
	\$ 698,907	\$ 581,021
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 164,730	\$ 165,485
Payroll deductions payable	18,368	15,435
Deferred contributions from operations (Note 4)	475,223	359,426
	658,321	540,346
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	888	-
	659,209	540,346
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	6,315	9,461
Internally restricted for deficit reduction	33,383	31,214
	39,698	40,675
	\$ 698,907	\$ 581,021

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:





The accompanying is an integral part of these financial statements.

ENDING VIOLENCE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended March 31, 2012

	2012	2011
		(Note 13)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Grants and Foundation Funding	\$ 899,124	\$ 993,051
Project Transfers	147,528	178,193
Other Contributions	83,101	60,808
Membership Fees	16,945	16,165
Salaries, Benefits and Purchased Services	(853,002)	(889,077)
Supplies and Others	(69,020)	(566,425)
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	115,797	20,904
NET CASH GENERATED (USED) THROUGH (IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	340,473	(186,381)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of capital assets	704	(7,748)
Interest in investments	4,496	2,105
Deferred contributions related to capital assets	888	-
Amortization of deferred revenue related to capital assets	444	-
NET CASH GENERATED (USED) THROUGH (IN) FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES	6,532	(5,643)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	347,005	(192,024)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	211,808	403,832
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 558,813	\$ 211,808

The accompanying is an integral part of these financial statements.

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Year ended March 31, 2012

	General Service Delivery Program \$	Provincial Services Program \$	CCWS \$	Annual Training Forum \$	BC Lions \$	Ontario Law Foundation \$	Forward Schedule 2 \$	Total \$
	<i>(Note 6)</i>					<i>(Note 8)</i>		
REVENUES								
Province of British Columbia		221,000	320,000	20,000			51,697	612,697
Federal government grants				87,400	110,000		1,500	198,900
Project transfers <i>(Note 7)</i>	147,528	44,423					-	191,951
Other contributions	5,058		6,028	33,735	34,321		3,959	83,101
Foundation funding						17,924	25,180	43,104
Membership fees	16,945						-	16,945
Interest income	4,496						-	4,496
	174,027	265,423	326,028	141,135	144,321	17,924	82,336	1,151,194
EXPENSES								
Salaries, benefits and purchased services	132,920	216,514	271,390	39,447	103,179	14,877	74,675	853,002
Travel and accommodation	3,775	1,756	21,640	86,228	8,437	963	348	123,147
Rent and site costs	7,952	25,770	6,000	4,791	1,900	380	2,000	48,793
Meetings	16,613		11,294				105	28,012
Public education promotion					27,872		-	27,872
Materials and supplies	3,087	4,857	4,529	6,125	1,933	128	1,313	21,972
Non-recoverable HST	2,063	2,722	6,108	4,544		133	238	15,808
Postage, printing and courier	735	8,594	1,300		1,000		850	12,479
Telephone and communications	492	2,661	3,767			111	1,750	8,781
Other costs	2,889	2,549				1,332	1,057	7,827
	170,526	265,423	326,028	141,135	144,321	17,924	82,336	1,147,693
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	3,501	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,501

See accompanying notes

OTHER PROGRAMS

Year ended March 31, 2012

	Immigrant & Refugee Women \$	Victims Week 2011 \$	Safe Choices \$	Memorial Fund \$	Child Safety Training \$	E-Training and Safety Planning \$	New Training Development \$	Total \$
	(Note 8)			(Note 9)				
REVENUES								
Province of British Columbia			32,823		5,949	12,925		51,697
Federal government grants		1,500						1,500
Foundation funding	25,180							25,180
Other contributions				377			3,582	3,959
Project transfers (Note 7)								-
Membership fees								-
Interest income								-
	25,180	1,500	32,823	377	5,949	12,925	3,582	82,336
EXPENSES								
Salaries, benefits and purchased services	24,330	1,500	27,208		5,949	12,925	2,763	74,675
Travel and accommodation			112				236	348
Public education promotion								-
Rent and site costs			2,000					2,000
Materials and supplies			1,011				302	1,313
Meetings							105	105
Non-recoverable HST			42	20			176	238
Postage, printing and courier	850							850
Telephone and communications			1,750					1,750
Other costs			700	357				1,057
	25,180	1,500	32,823	377	5,949	12,925	3,582	82,336
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

See accompanying notes

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1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Society was founded in March 1992 under the Provincial Society Act as a non-for-profit organization and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and is therefore exempt from income taxes. On January 12, 2009 the Society's name change to the Ending Violence Association of British Columbia become official. Its priorities are to provide education, training and support for Community-Based Victim Service Workers, Stopping The Violence Counsellors and Outreach Workers; to provide legal analysis of legislative and policy changes for educational purposes; to conduct projects and programs that will work toward service consistency and coordination of services throughout the province; to provide support to programs in British Columbia that respond to sexual assault, relationship violence and child abuse; to foster cross sector coordination and the prevention of sexual and relationship violence.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Future Changes to Significant Accounting Policies

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants has recently issued a comprehensive set of new accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations effective for fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012. Early adoption is permitted. The Society has elected to adopt the new standards, effective April 1, 2012, and is currently analyzing the effects of these changes on its financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements according with Canadian general accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the financial position date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. We base our assumptions on a number of factors including historical experience, current events and actions that the Society may undertake in the future, and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different conditions and assumptions. We use estimates when accounting for the useful lives of capital assets.

M. Guerrero and Associates Ltd.
Certified General Accountant

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D).

Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are carried at cost. Amortization of capital assets is recorded in the Capital Asset Fund. Capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset	Rate
Computer equipment	3 years
Equipment	5 and 10 years
Furniture and fixtures	10 years

Revenue Recognition

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection reasonably assured.

Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned. Membership fees are recognized as revenue when received. Tuition fees are recognized as revenue when training events are held.

Internally Restricted for Deficit Reduction

These funds are imposed in a formal manner by the organization itself, usually by resolution of the Board of Directors and are reserves to be used in the following periods of operations.

Contributed Materials and Services

Donated materials used in the normal course of operations are recognized in the financial statements at their estimated fair value if such fair value is readily determinable.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D).

Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are classified into one of five categories: held-for-trading, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets or other financial liabilities. All financial instruments are initially measured on the statement of financial position at fair value. Subsequent measurement and changes in fair value will depend on their initial classification. Loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments and other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Held-for-trading financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognized as revenue in the statement of operations. Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value with changes in the fair value recorded directly in net assets until the asset is removed from the statement of financial position.

The Society's financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and salaries and benefits payable.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Amortization Rate	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
2012				
Computer equipment	3 years	\$ 19,629	\$ 17,350	\$ 2,279
Equipment	5-10 years	17,110	17,110	0
Furniture and fixtures	10 years	11,734	8,142	3,592
		<u>\$ 48,473</u>	<u>\$ 42,602</u>	<u>\$ 5,871</u>
2011				
Computer equipment	3 years	\$ 18,297	\$ 13,191	\$ 5,105
Equipment	5-10 years	17,110	17,110	0
Furniture and fixtures	10 years	11,734	7,379	4,356
		<u>\$ 47,141</u>	<u>\$ 37,680</u>	<u>\$ 9,461</u>

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4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent restricted operating funding received in the current year that is related to the subsequent year. The amount of changes in the deferred contributions balance this year was \$115,797 (prior year was \$ 20,904) affecting the following programs:

	2012	2011
BC Lions	\$ 9,379	\$ -
CCWS	-	340
Children & Youth	30,000	-
Completed Programs	1,538	1,538
General Service Delivery Program*	323,723	326,016
Immigrant and Refugee Women	-	1,321
Membership Fees	4,880	10,020
Memorial Fund	5,455	4,467
New Training Development	9,792	13,374
Ontario Law Foundation	29,275	-
BC High School Syllabus Development	5,000	-
Safe Choices	1,181	1,401
STV – Training	-	949
Vancouver Foundation	55,000	-
	\$ 475,223	\$ 359,426

*Includes Library and Resources contributions/(reductions) for the year in the amount of (\$2,036), prior year was \$6,480.

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5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS

Deferred contributions related to capital assets represent restricted contributions with which capital equipment was purchased. Deferred contributions are amortized to revenue over the assets' estimated useful lives as set out in note 3.

	2012	2011
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ -	\$ -
Add: Capital equipment purchased with restricted funds	1,332	-
Deduct: Amounts amortized to revenue	(444)	-
Balance, end of the year	\$ 888	\$ -

6. GENERAL SERVICE DELIVERY PROGRAM

The General Service Delivery Program balance of \$3,501 is made up of Investments in Capital Assets. The actual final balance amount of the program is a deficit of \$977. (Please see Statement of Changes in Net Assets).

7. INTER-PROGRAM TRANSFERS

During each year, funds are transferred from the programs and projects to recover staffing and other costs to the Provincial Service Program and to the General Service Delivery Program. During the current year, \$44,423 (prior year \$31,199) was subsidized to the Provincial Service Program and \$147,528 (prior year \$146,994) was expensed to the General Service Delivery Program.

8. FOUNDATION FUNDING

This year the Society received special project funding from the Law Foundation of B. C., in the amount of \$23,860 (prior year \$93,000), to assist with completing the Immigrant and Refugee Women Project. Also, this year the Society received a funding from the Ontario Law Foundation in the amount of \$47,198 which includes \$29,275 deferred to the next fiscal year, for the project named "The Indigenous Communities Project".

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9. MEMORIAL FUND

In response to the tragic death on Sunday September 21, 2008 of Melissa Chatham, a 24 year old woman from Delta, BC, the Chatham family requested the Society set up a memorial fund in Melissa's honour. The intention of this fund is to benefit other young women dealing with the devastating impacts of relationship violence across British Columbia. This year the Society received donations for \$1,288 (prior year \$316).

10. LEASE COMMITMENT

The Society will end the previous lease commitment on June 30th, 2012 and signed a new lease. The new five year lease commitment for office premises at 1404 – 510 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., will commence on June 1st, 2012 and end on May 31st, 2017.

Total required minimum payments for the remaining lease and for the new commitment are as follows:

Year 2013	\$ 35,277
Year 2014	38,767
Year 2015	40,110
Year 2016	41,262
Year 2017	<u>6,909</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$162,325</u>

The yearly payments above do not include the Society's share of operating expenses, taxes and other charges of the building operating costs.

11. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Society is economically dependent on government grants and foundation funding, which represents a 75% (prior year - 80%) of total revenues.

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12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society's financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and salaries and benefits payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is the management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of the instruments approximates their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Interest Rate Risk

The Society is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its interest-bearing in bank deposits that bear interest at fixed rates due to fluctuations in the market interest rates. Interest rate risk is not considered significant because the Society does not invest a large amount in interest-bearing investments. The Society does not use financial instruments to reduce its interest rate risk exposure.

Currency Risk

The Society does not have any significant currency risks

Credit Risk

The Society is exposed to credit risk with respect to its financial assets as reported on the Statement of Financial Position. Credit risk is not considered significant because the Society's cash and cash equivalents are held in deposit with Canadian financial institutions in insured accounts; grants receivable are due from various levels of government with no history of default; and the Society's investment mandate allows it to invest no more than 5% of its assets in stocks and bonds.

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13. MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL

The Society receives its principal source of capital through funding received from government grants. The Society defines capital to be net assets.

The Society's objectives when managing capital are to fund its operational requirements and capital assets additions. The Society makes adjustments based on available government funding and economic conditions. Currently, the Society's strategy is to monitor expenditures to preserve capital in accordance with available and budgeted funding.

The Society is not subject to debt covenants or any other capital requirements with respect to operating funding. Funding received for designated purposes must be used for the purpose outlined in the bylaws, budget and funding instructions. The Society has complied with the external restrictions on the funding provided.

14. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Comparative cash flows figures for the year 2011 have been reclassified where necessary to conform to the current year's presentation.