

# ENDING VIOLENCE

Association of BC

## EVA BC BACKGROUNDER

**VISION:** EVA BC's vision is to leverage our collective expertise and resources working collaboratively with others to end violence against women and children in British Columbia.

**MISSION:** EVA BC is a provincial charitable, not for profit organization that provides support and training to 240 funded anti-violence programs across British Columbia. Our mandate is to provide support and training; undertake research; develop and distribute resources and tools; educate the public, including government on the needs of victims of violence; develop and maintain standards for the provision of service and work to foster the development of relevant intersectoral initiatives across BC.

**OUR PROGRAMS:** The 240 programs we support include Community-Based Victim Assistance Programs, Stopping the Violence Counselling Programs, Stopping the Violence Outreach and Multi-Cultural Outreach Programs, and Sexual Assault/Woman Assault Centres. All of these programs specialize in responding to sexual assault, violence in relationships, child abuse and stalking.

### WHAT WE DO:

- EVA BC acts as a consultant to individual programs in the area of program administration and client services, resource development, training, research, and education to help prevent re-victimization of those who come forward to report sexual assault, abuse and violence in relationships.
- EVA BC develops standards for the provision of service and is actively engaged in educating the public and government on the needs of victims of violence.
- EVA BC fosters the development of relevant cross-sectoral initiatives, and works to coordinate policy development and implementation.
- EVA BC works closely with the justice, health, and social service systems in an effort to increase their knowledge and understanding of related issues and increase support and safety for those who have been victimized.

### EVA BC BOARD:

- Jennifer Woods, Community Based Victim Services Worker, Comox Valley Family Services Association, Courtenay
- Stephanie Capyk, Client Services Manager, Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre, Victoria
- Brigit Atkinson, Stopping the Violence Counsellor, Family Services of Greater Vancouver, New Westminster
- Jan Seelinger, Community Based Victim Services Worker, Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society, Salmon Arm
- Aimee Thompson, Agency Coordinator, Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society, Kelowna
- Sarah Bolton, Community Based Victim Services Worker, The Advocacy Centre, Nelson
- Grainne Barthe, Stopping the Violence Counsellor, North Coast Transition Society, Prince Rupert
- Bally Bassi, Community, Social and Justice Programs Manager, Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society, Prince George
- Nancy Taylor, Stopping the Violence Counsellor, Robson Valley Support Society, McBride
- Lynnell Hallikowski, Stopping the Violence Counsellor, Surpassing our Survival (S.O.S.) Society, Prince George