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BC Federation of Labour	Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
BC Society of Transition Houses	National Victim Policy Centre
BC Women's Hospital	Pacific DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN)
Britannia Community Centre	RCMP E Division
Canadian Women's Foundation	The Justice Institute of BC
Department of Justice, Canada	The Law Foundation of BC
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BACKGROUND

Prior to the existence of the Ending Violence Association of BC (formerly BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs), provincial funds enabled BC Sexual Assault Centres to meet and discuss issues on a yearly basis. The centres began discussing the idea of forming a provincial association to meet their needs and those of other Community-Based Victim Assistance programs for networking, information sharing and reducing duplication of effort.

A Secretary of State grant enabled a cross-section of individuals from sexual assault centres and other specialized victim assistance programs to meet, consult and formally assess the feasibility of establishing a provincial association. There were already similar provincial entities in place to coordinate and represent Police-Based Victim Assistance Programs, Women's Centres and Transition Houses. However, to this point, sexual assault centres and other specialized victim assistance programs in BC had no networking, supportive or coordinating body. Individual programs were all struggling in isolation to solve the same problems and to create policies for the same issues.

In March of 1992, the BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs arose from the founding general meeting. The vast majority of programs across the province joined the Association.

Our mandate is to provide support and training, undertake research, develop and distribute resources and tools, educate the public and government bodies on the needs of victims of violence, develop and maintain standards for the provision of service, and foster the development of cross-sectoral coordination and collaboration. The goals of the Association are:

- To serve as a coordinating, centralized organization in British Columbia that supports and assists individual agencies providing victim and survivor-related support and counselling services.
- To address the needs of programs supporting victims in British Columbia through training, education and information exchange, on issues related to providing service and support for people who have been traumatized by victimization.
- To provide programs across British Columbia with updated, accessible information regarding policy and legislative initiatives or changes and analysis of current relevant issues.
- To work in partnership with other provincial organizations, educational institutions and other key organizations in related fields to ensure that member programs are in a strong position to guide and improve our service to victims of violence in this province.



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- To act as a credible and visible liaison between Government and community through coordinating involvement in consultative processes. As well, by analyzing legislation and policy through a lens that looks at gender, race, class and other forms of marginalization, this organization works proactively in assisting government to remove barriers to the safety of all peoples.
- To manage programs and projects that assist all survivors' efforts to achieve safety, equality and dignity at the individual and systemic levels.
- To educate the public on the issue of victims of violence, particularly women and children who have been victimized by child physical and sexual abuse (recent or historical); relationship violence; sexual assault; and criminal harassment.
- To provide support, information-sharing and networking for specialized support and counselling service providers in an effort to alleviate isolation, maintain healthy organizations and continue to increase skills and knowledge, including the coordination of province-wide training based on needs identified by individual programs.
- To act as a consultant to individual programs in the area of program administration and clinical practice and to offer consultative services to offender-serving programs to prevent the re-victimization of victims of violence.
- To coordinate with other sectors, namely, the justice, health, and social service systems in an effort to increase their knowledge and understanding of related issues to reduce re-victimization and increase support and safety for those who have been victimized.



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At an Annual General Meeting in October 1994, the membership voted unanimously to expand its membership criteria to allow Stopping the Violence (STV) Counselling Programs to become members. It had been proposed that because STV Counselling Programs provide non-residential counselling services to survivors of sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse and/or wife assault, they closely fit with the types of agencies the Association was founded to represent.

Through an interim agreement reached with the BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses in 2007, the Association began providing support to the new STV Outreach Programs as the mandate of STV Outreach Programs is very close to the work of Community-Based Victim Assistance Programs, STV Counselling Programs and Community Coordination for Women's Safety. In 2008, this agreement became formal and we welcomed the STV Outreach Programs to our ongoing membership.

Currently, 240 programs come under the umbrella of EVA BC.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

Our Co-Chair Report for 2009-2010 is a summary of the involvement of the Board of Directors in the life of EVA BC. Last year we met regularly via teleconference calls and three times at in-person meetings in Vancouver. Each of us sits on at least one of the committees that provide guidance and feedback on important matters such as Finance, Policy, Membership, Personnel, the Annual Training Forum, and various ad hoc committees that are formed to address emerging issues. These are also carried out through teleconference calls.

This past year, as the Executive Director will report, has presented even more challenges to our anti-violence sector and thus to our Association. On one hand we have been faced with significant cuts to our training budget, but at the same time we have been gratified to observe government interest in improving coordination of cross-sector response to risk identification and safety planning. The challenge for all of us has been to increase our understanding of the ever changing complexity of issues while determining how we can access training to improve our skills to meet the evolving demands of our work.

We want to assure our membership that EVA BC continues to provide outstanding leadership and support for a vast spectrum of issues. Our dynamic team of six office staff plus the three hardworking women who form the Community Coordination for Women's Safety Program, all have 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 a few of the many EVA BC generated activities and issues that stand out for us last year:

- Attention to the ongoing implementation of the Strategic Plan, developed in 2008.
- The EVA BC listservs, website, newsletters and CWSS news bulletins provided ongoing valuable information to the field.
- The EVA BC hosted Jackson Katz Event. Jackson spoke to a group of provincial MLAs and other senior leaders in BC that included government, police, military and anti-violence service workers, urging these people to take leadership in encouraging men to take up the cause of ending violence against women. Board members were actively involved in this important event as was ally, the BC Society of Transition Houses.
- The ongoing consultations with all our member programs with regard to training needs and the need for adequate compensation for the high quality of work provided.



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- Consultation with MPSSG to define and develop the E-training that is intended to support a risk identification and safety planning model for programs across BC responding to domestic violence. While we all have concerns about the limited amount of actual training available, we applaud the timely attention to this issue.
- Expansion of the Safe Choices program, which offers cutting edge analysis and training concerning women in same sex relationships.
- Expanded work with Aboriginal women throughout BC and along the Highway of Tears to contribute to increasing women's safety.
- Ongoing groundbreaking multiple approaches for programs supporting immigrant, refugee and non-status women experiencing violence.
- The important role EVA BC played in the Lee Inquest and in participation in the Domestic Violence Death Review Panel, providing a feminist analysis and important recommendations contributing to improved coordination of the anti-violence sector.

A significant responsibility of Board work is to oversee the finances of the organization and the Board, along with the Finance Committee, who pays close attention to this task. 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.

We have experienced a small amount of staff change since we reported to you last year, but the new team of amazing women has quickly coalesced into a strong, effective team that continues to provide the quality and breadth of service that we have come to expect. Tracy Porteous, Executive Director, continues to provide the energetic, focused, dynamic leadership that is her trademark. She is assisted by our incomparable staff: Habiba Rashid, Office Manager, Harjit Kaur, Program Manager, Cathy Welch, Program Manager, Nancy Boyce, Communications Manager and Tory Pearson, Administrative Support.

The three person team who make up the Community Coordination for Women's Safety program is a group of exceptional, experienced women who have provided so much valuable training, direction and analysis to the work of cross sector coordination. They are: Gail Edinger, Regional Coordinator, Michelle Novakowski, Regional Coordinator and Morgen Baldwin assisting with region coordination of contract and Gisela Ruebsaat, Legal Issues Analyst.

The staff of EVA BC 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 these women providing us with their passionate commitment and energy to the important work we all share.



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We regretfully said goodbye last year to the following women: Ramona Barron, Program Manager, left to pursue other interests and we valued the short time she was with us. We also said goodbye to Alison Timmons and Stephanie Bennett, Administrative Support, and Sheena Starky, Communications Coordinator. Their enthusiasm and positive energy were a pleasure and we miss them too.

In 2009-2010 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; Brigit Atkinson, Lower Mainland; Sonja Boyce, Fraser Valley; Jan Seelinger, Interior; Aimee Thompson, Okanagan; Jasmine Lothien, East Kootenay; Bally Bassi, North Central; Grainne Barthe, North West; Nancy Taylor, North East; Marsha Early, West Kootenay; Stephanie Capyk, South Island; and Lynnell Halikowski, Floating seat.



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Finally, we want to salute you, our membership, for the vital information and feedback you provide to EVA BC, for your support of the Association so that it continues to do the important work of support, analysis and training to the anti-violence sector, and for 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Early
Co-Chair

Bally Bassi
Co-Chair

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Year in Review April 2009 – March 2010

It is my great privilege to be offering my 15th Annual Report to our Members and partners. I am constantly inspired by the continued commitment by the staff, Board and Members of this Association to the work of ending violence in BC.

Aside from the specific work and projects I will highlight here, we are busy all year long trying to represent the interests of our Membership. We are involved in numerous projects as outlined in this report as well as those coordinated by others. We regularly attend various meetings and respond to varied requests for information. Part of our mandate is to provide advice to government on contemplated policy and programs and we continue to do that, often with the goal of linking some of these initiatives directly to you.

It is my pleasure to highlight just a few of EVA BC's accomplishments during the period of this report. I trust this will serve to give you a sense of what EVA BC is doing to support the sector and to bring about changes at many levels that will improve the lives of women and children, and male survivors too, affected by violence and abuse.

Highlights for this year include the highly successful **Annual Training Forum** held in November 2009 "Predicting the Storm: Addressing Violence Against Women and Children in Good Times and Bad" that was attended by 256 participants. The forum featured 4 keynote speakers and 11 3.5 -hour workshops relating to the "storms" that impact violence against women and children, such as the global economic crisis, natural disasters and large-scale events like the 2010 Olympics.

In 2009-2010, our **Community Coordination for Women's Safety (CCWS)** program launched its new Community Leadership Training II, "Domestic Violence: Developing a Community Response To Risk And Safety". The inaugural session provided participants with critical training on the latest research, tools and practical applications on understanding risk and planning for safety. Demand was high with 55 applications for the 3-day training that had to be limited to 25 participants.

Throughout the year, CCWS continued its work in a variety of ways that included ongoing community development related to cross sectoral questions and concerns through day-to-day supports for workers in the field by telephone, email and community visits as well training sessions offered in locations around the province for those managing a coordinated response and for professionals in other sectors. And, as always, CCWS

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developed new and relevant resources such as: Identifying the Primary Aggressor; Predator Strategies; Planning for Case Conferencing; Comparison of commonly used risk assessment tools.

The **Module 4 Core Training** for STV Counsellors, “Linking Violence, Mental Health and Substance Use”, first offered in March 2009 was available again in October 2009 to 21 participants and in January 2010 to 22 participants. Feedback from participants was extremely positive.

In July 2009, the **Peer Anti-Violence Education (PAVE) Project** launched its multimedia toolkit designed to help women increase the safety in their lives. “*You Are Not Alone: Violence, Substance Use and Mental Health, A Peer Approach to Increasing Your Safety*”, is a multimedia toolkit featuring three complementary components: a plain language guidebook, a DVD, and a PowerPoint Presentation. These resources are intended to assist anti violence programs to engage women in practical safety planning at the intersection of active substance use, mental health issues and violence. With funding received from the Vancouver Foundation and The Canadian Women’s Foundation we were able to distribute copies of these resources to our 240 programs across BC.



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Slated for completion in March 2011, EVA BC continued to work on our three-year project in partnership with MOSAIC and the Vancouver and Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services on the **Women Who Are Immigrant or Without Status and Have Experienced Violence Project** to consult, analyze and undertake action to address serious policy gaps or problems that compromise the safety of refugee, immigrant and non-status women. This project is funded by the Law Foundation of BC and we believe we have already made some headway based on the response we got from a recent trip to Ottawa to meet with legislatures and policy makers.

Also, I would like to remind readers about the **Melissa Chatham Memorial Fund** which continues to have a featured link on our website’s home page. On September 21, 2008, 24-year old Melissa Chatham was tragically taken from her family and friends in an act of domestic violence. At the request of her family, EVA BC has set up a memorial fund in honour of Melissa’s life. Donations are used to support other young women across BC who are facing violence in their relationships.

Our **Safe Choices Support and Education Program**, funded through the SMART Fund of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, exists to improve the health and safety of women in same-gender relationships. This year Safe Choices offered public education sessions in our ongoing Healthy Relationships workshop series that received very positive feedback and in January 2010 staff conducted a Service Provider’s Workshop for transition house workers through BC Society of Transition

Houses. A number of consultations were also done with other service providers and organizations working with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people specifically in the area of same-gender partner abuse.

This year, as in years past, we produced an Association calendar featuring the work of Sheila Norgate, an accomplished and respected contemporary Canadian artist from Gabriola Island. The calendar is extremely popular and we always receive positive feedback from those who look forward to receiving their copy each year.

As always, we are grateful to our funders. The Ministry of Housing and Social Development and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General for providing funding for our direct service and support to programs, as well as funding for CCWS and the core training we have delivered for many years to STV Counselling and more recently to the Outreach programs. Since all our programs came under the umbrella of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General in the Fall of 2009, MPSSG has become the sole funder of all the anti violence programs in BC with the exception of the residential programs. We want to extend our thanks to the staff at both Ministries for their commitment to ending violence and for all the assistance they have provided to us in supporting the programs across BC.

We also thank the Law Foundation of BC, the National Victims Policy Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health, the Vancouver Foundation and the Canadian Women's Foundation for their major contributions to our special and projects this year.

The Vancouver office staff have, throughout the year, collectively worked tirelessly every day to ensure that all the work gets done: Habiba Rashid, Office Manager; and Program Managers Ramona Barron, whose position was then filled by Cathy Welch; Harjit Kaur, Program Manager; Sheena Starky, Communications Coordinator and her successor Nancy Boyce; Stephanie Bennett, Administrative Assistant and Tory Pearson who later took over her position. They all care very deeply about the anti-violence programs in BC and the importance of the work in each community.

Our CCWS team—Gail Edinger, Regional Coordinator working out of 100 Mile House; Michelle Novakowski, Regional Coordinator, working out of Kelowna; and Gisela Ruebsaat, Legal Analyst, working out of Victoria—continue to make a difference every day in the lives of frontline workers and women victimized by violence, by working to identify and remove local, regional and provincial barriers to women's safety.

Britt Permien, our creative graphic designer, continued her great work on the Association's newsletter and the Annual Training Forum brochure.



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The volunteers on our Board of Directors are amazing as well. I cannot say enough about them for the hours of work and for the patience and creative insight that helps keep the Association the strong and healthy organization that it is.

The incredible work that you, the Members, do in the field of anti-violence each and every day cannot be overstated. For that, please accept my continued respect and deep thanks.

PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES REPORT

Funding for the direct services to programs was provided by the Ministries of Housing and Social Development and Public Safety and Solicitor General. All other funding is noted where applicable.

I. ONGOING PROGRAMS

I.1. Direct Support to Programs, Consultation and Referrals

We provide support on a daily basis to frontline workers and administrators in BC's 240 STV Counselling Programs, STV Outreach and Multicultural Outreach Programs and Community-Based Victim Services Programs around the province. This section will highlight some of the key issues that we responded to in the field this year.

Emerging Issues

- **Worker Safety:** Clients' abusers and the abusers' extended family, friends, fellow gang members and pimps pose a threat to people who work with survivors of abuse. This is particularly true in smaller communities where worker anonymity is difficult or impossible to maintain.
- **Worker Well-Being:** Frontline workers are at a high risk for vicarious trauma as a result of regular exposure to sexual and domestic violence and child abuse. In order to ensure their personal well-being, workers need access to independent clinical supervision/case consultation of their choosing for the purpose of debriefing.
- **Negative Effects of Cutbacks to Legal Aid:** Cuts in our Legal Aid system seriously affect women who are trying to leave abusive relationships and put them at further risk.
- **Transfer of STV Programs to MPSSG:** Concerns were raised about the planned 2.6% cut to programs and the ensuing reductions of services for survivors what would have happened, had the cuts materialized. EVA BC took this issue on and went to bat for the programs in big ways, speaking publically against the cuts and

communicating and coordinating with our programs. The cuts were eventually rescinded.

- **Best Practices Training for Child Protection Workers:** There have been requests from several communities for Best Practices Training for child protection workers when dealing with cases involving violence against women in relationships. EVA BC worked with BC Women's Hospital and the BCSTH and produced a 6 module training that was funded by MCFD. Since that time we have been trying to negotiate funding for delivery.
- **Identification of risk indicators:** There is great need for consistent tools, such as risk/danger indicator tools for all sectors to help identify high-risk domestic violence cases and stream them appropriately. Also, there is a need for cross sector training regarding the use of these tools and clear interagency protocols governing information that needs to be shared to help manage risk.
- **Need for information sharing and referrals between sectors:** Development of specialized units within the policing sector without forming partnerships with community based victim services was identified as a problem as well as the need to develop appropriate mechanisms for information sharing between sectors, such as guiding local information sharing practices in high risk cases to help ensure that referral practices maximize women's safety.
- **Women being mistakenly arrested in domestic violence cases:** Many of the women being arrested have histories of being the primary victim. We believe women are being mistakenly arrested as the RCMP VIR policy on primary aggressor is not being used consistently and this poses additional risks for victims and their families.
- **Limited access to justice and services for immigrant and refugee women:** Lack of adequate and professional translation services is creating obstacles for women in BC that do not speak English. This puts women who may want to leave abusive relationships at further risk.
- **Lack of sexual assault services:** Many communities are lacking in trained staff at hospitals and also lack counselling services for teen survivors. Most of BC's hospitals do not have proper forensic/medical sexual assault examination kits, protocols or policies and most hospitals do not have standards governing a specialized response for sexual assault care. For women who do not speak English, lack of language interpretation is a barrier for women seeking services, particularly when struggling with the trauma of sexual assault.

Programs also continue to contact us about challenges that have been ongoing for a number of years. Please go to our website to view reports of issues from previous years. Some of these include:

- The need for training for family justice counsellors and financial aid workers about the dynamics of violence in relationships
- Safety planning and risk identification processes for bail variance
- Development of local and regional high risk case coordination protocols
- Need for police participation in VAWIR committees in smaller rural communities
- Training for judges on the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence
- Shortage of affordable housing
- Police domestic violence units working in isolation from community based victim assistance programs and other anti-violence programs
- Effective outreach to First Nations villages
- Concerns about preparing for increases in demand for services for sexual violence responses associated with Olympics, music festivals, pow wows and other events
- Third party sexual assault reporting protocols
- Issues regarding policy related to people with disabilities receiving lump sum gifts
- Challenges working with same sex/gender relationship violence when both use violence, shifting power and other complex dynamics. There is a need for training on this issue in the field.



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1.2. Database of Clinical Supervisors

EVA BC maintained its database of experienced feminist clinical supervisors from across the province who are available to work with STV programs. This resource list has been distributed to STV Counselling programs seeking clinical supervision, and continues to be a helpful resource.

1.3. Newsletter

We published three newsletters this year. Each issue had a featured theme. Our Summer 2009 newsletter ran the feature “When Women Use Violence” and also included articles on worker safety in the anti-violence sector and a 16-Step Empowerment Program in Smithers. The Fall 2009 issue focused on the Annual Training Forum with the feature article “ATF 2009: A Sneak Peak

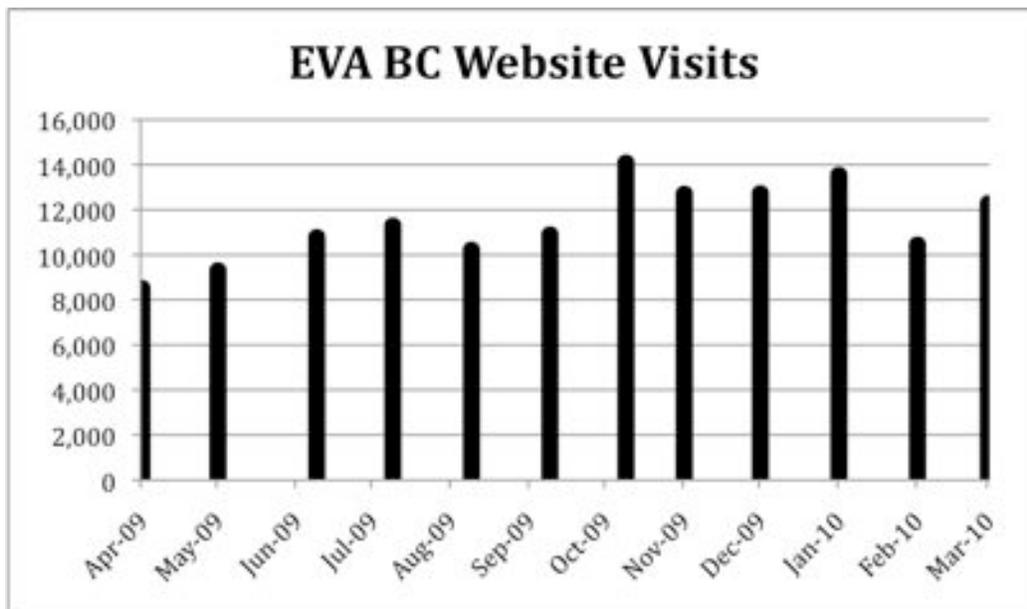
at Our Distinguished Keynotes”. Articles in this issue related to the Training Forum’s theme of “Predicting the Storm: Preparing for an Increase in Addressing Violence Against Women and Children in Good Times and Bad”. The Spring 2010 edition had “Risk Identification and Assessment” as its focus, including the feature article “The Many Faces of Risk” that looked at risk factors for specific groups such as Aboriginal women, immigrant, refugee, and non-status women, and rural and farm women. This issue also profiled the film “Dissolve”, a documentary on drug-facilitated sexual assault.

EVA BC members continue to express their appreciation for the in-depth articles and practical tips and resources included in each issue. Previous newsletters are available on our website at: www.endingviolence.org/newsletter.

I.4. Website and Listservs

EVA BC’s website, www.endingviolence.org, was originally launched at our 2007 Annual Training Forum. It has since proven itself to be a well-used resource for not only our members, but for anyone looking for information and resources on violence against women. New publications, resources and links to relevant sites are added to the site on an ongoing basis and usage rates overall continue to climb annually.

Between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, our website received a total of 136,980 site visits, averaging 11,415 each month or about 375 visits per day.



We now manage eight listservs: one for STV Counselling Programs throughout the province and one for STV Counselling Programs in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley region; one listserv each for

Community-Based Victim Services, STV Outreach Programs, Executive Directors and Aboriginal women. There are also two for Community Coordination Initiatives – one for general coordination and one designated specifically for the CCWS Provincial Working Group.

The listservs continue to be an important source of discussion and information sharing among programs across BC, which could not happen without this resource.

I.5. Regional Support Conference Calls

Each year we conduct a series of regional conference calls with each sector under our umbrella. During these calls, frontline workers have an opportunity to talk about the issues facing them and their clients and discuss solutions. These calls continue to prove to be an important means of support for many workers who are otherwise isolated and also provides a critical opportunity for us to track regional and provincial trends and issues.

I.6. Community Coordination for Women’s Safety

This major provincial program provides assistance to BC communities to develop and improve existing models of cross-sector coordination on violence against women. Coordination brings together different sectors in communities across BC — for example, police, crown, child protection, victim services, STV Outreach and Counselling, transition houses, health care, Aboriginal services, etc. — to ensure that all services work together as effectively as possible.

CCWS works with urban and rural communities, and women who face particular discrimination including Aboriginal women, women of colour, immigrant women, low-income women, women with disabilities, lesbians, transgender women, older women and young women.

A Provincial Working Group that includes senior personnel in government, police and community agencies guides the work of CCWS. This group provides input to CCWS on issues that relate to their field of professional expertise and identifies local and provincial strategies to help enhance coordination and implementation of violence against women policies to increase safety.

Over the past year, the Program has completed many important initiatives that provide concrete improvements to women’s safety in BC. Communities throughout the province continue to benefit from the direct service funding provided to the program by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, which gives us the ability to plan and undertake ongoing initiatives to increase women’s safety.

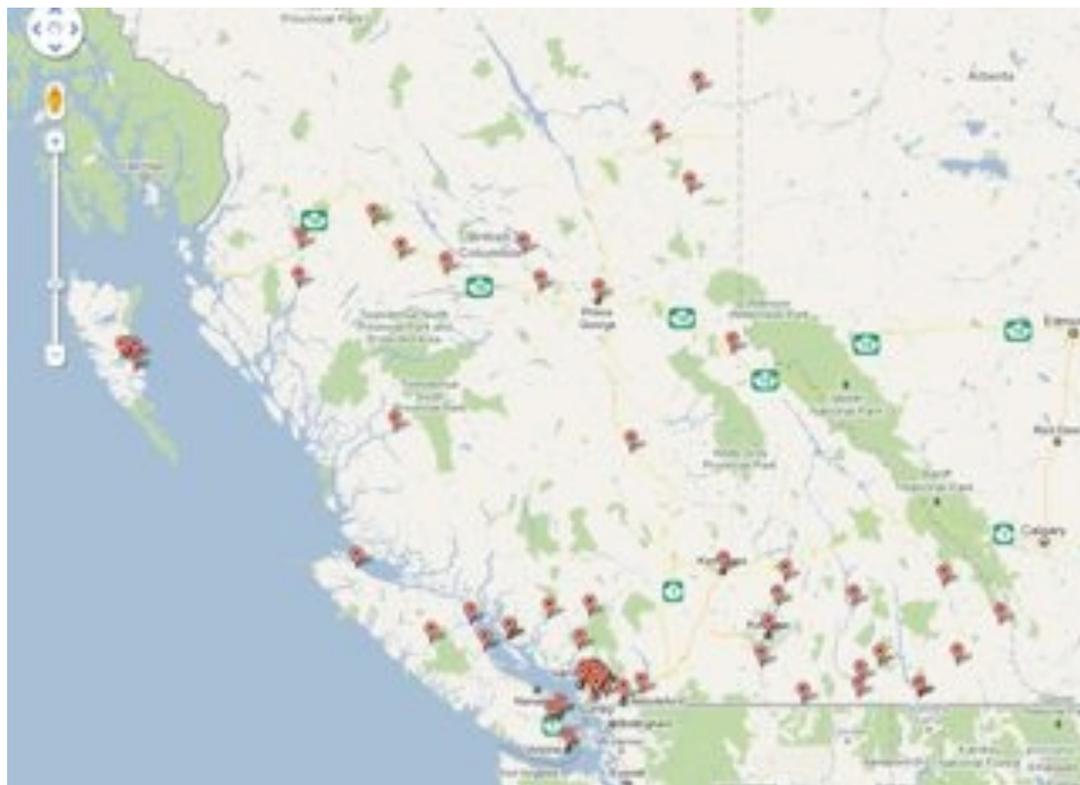
Between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, Regional Coordinators provided support and training to over 60 BC communities (indicated on the following map) by way of community workshops or training, and telephone and email support and consultation. The coordination initiatives across BC received essential information and support in a timely manner, increasing their capacity to address women's safety in a way that was tailored to their communities and without having to travel to an urban centre.

During the period of this report, CCWS also conducted conference calls with VAWIR committee coordinators from around the province. These calls have been well received by participants who find the opportunity to share information and concerns very helpful.

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Communities reached by CCWS during the 2009/10 fiscal year



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

100 Mile House	Gold River	Powell River
Abbotsford	Haida Gwaii	Prince George
Anmore	Houston	Salt Spring Island
Belcarra	Invermere	Sandspit
Bella Coola	Kamloops	Sechelt
Burns Lake	Kelowna	Skidegate
Creston	Kitimat	Smithers
Campbell River	Langley	Squamish
Castlegar	Lilloet	Surrey
Chetwynd	Maple Ridge	Terrace
Chilliwack	Masset	Tiell
Coquitlam	McBride	Trail
Courtenay	Midway	Tumbler Ridge
Cranbrook	Nakusp	Vancouver
Creston	Nelson	Vanderhoof
Delta	North Vancouver	Vernon
Duncan	Penticton	Victoria
Elkford	Pitt Meadows	Village of Queen
Enderby	Port Coquitlam	Charlotte
Fort St. James	Port Hardy	Whistler
Fort St. John	Port Moody	Williams Lake

Intersectoral Solutions Management

CCWS planned and facilitated 2 Provincial Working Group meetings this fiscal year, in October 2009 and March 2010, that looked at a number of issues, including:

- increasing the safety of Aboriginal women and immigrant, refugee, and non-status women;
- strategies to address and improve coordination between family and criminal systems and courts;
- strategies to increase the safety of children exposed to domestic violence
- sexual exploitation of youth, particularly in Aboriginal communities;
- review of recommendations from the “Honouring Christian Lee” report from the Representative for Children and Youth;
- review of the Solicitor General’s Domestic Violence Action Plan and the mandate and actions of the Senior Officials Task Force on Domestic Violence – including the Inter-Ministry Violence Against Women Steering Team;
- review of the Vancouver Police report outlining system failures related to the murders of women from the Downtown Eastside
- review of the Lee Inquest Jury recommendations as well as the DV Death Panel report and recommendations
- review of the province’s stats gathering, in particular, police and Crown
- concerns about the use of telebail and inherent problems with that method.

Vernon High Risk Information Sharing Protocols

CCWS was instrumental in assisting in the development of Vernon’s new high risk protocol agreements, key to the collaborative development and implementation of an operational integrated sexual assault response in the North Okanagan region. CCWS did an initial presentation on collaborative safety planning to a VAWIR meeting in April 2009 along with members of the Vernon High Risk team that was followed with work on protocol development and the creation of an MOU between police and the Vernon Transition House Society regarding information sharing in high risk files. Agreements, confidentiality statements, and other documents were developed by CCWS who then sought feedback from the RCMP. The result of all these efforts was the first formal written protocol between an anti-violence agency (community-based victim assistance program) and RCMP regarding working collaboratively on high risk domestic violence

files. The MOU, protocol, and framework developed will ultimately form a template that can be used by other communities in BC.

Resource Development

Each year, CCWS produces numerous resources to assist people in the field to analyze issues from a cross disciplinary perspective. Resources produced this year include:

- Revised "Keeping Safe in the Country: Conversations with Rural Women";
- "Affirmation of Confidentiality" template for coordination committee;
- "Memorandum of Understanding" template for case consultation;
- "Sample Victim Consent to Release of the Undertaking to Appear in Violence in Relationships Cases";
- Two CCWS News Bulletins;
- CCWS Information Bulletin: "Cuts to Legal Aid" (August 2009);
- Compilation of Case Studies;
- Revised Third Party Reporting Form;
- List of Legal Resources for Women and Women-serving agencies regarding legal issues related to immigrant women experiencing violence;
- Identifying the Primary Aggressor;
- Predator Strategies;
- Planning for Case Conferencing;
- Comparison of commonly used risk assessment tools.

Training

The new Community Leadership Training II, "Domestic Violence: Developing a Community Response To Risk And Safety", was launched in Kelowna in March 2010. This 3-day training had 25 participants. Demand for the training was high as 55 applications were received for it.

Other, Local Training Provided In Communities Across BC Included:

- "Developing a Community Response to Violence Against Women in Relationships";
- "CCWS and the Benefits of Coordination";

- “Strategic Planning”: Overview and discussion of key information regarding implementing third party reporting and other topics related to coordination;
- “Developing a Coordination Initiative”: Context, history and benefits of coordination, workplan for building an initiative, finding common ground on beliefs, and setting goals for moving forward with the development of a coordination initiative;
- “Sexual Assault Training”: A 2-day training that was delivered in conjunction with EVA BC in preparation for Surrey Women's Centre 24-hour response during the Olympics. It was also attended by workers from Howe Sound Women's Centre and Whistler Pemberton Victim Assistance;
- "Safety & Accountability Through Coordination": Introduced Priority Assessment Form and MPSSG Summary of Risk Factors.

Provincial or Regional Training Delivered Included

- Keynote address on “Identifying and Responding to Risk”, Kelowna conference on Immigration Issues for Settlement Programs
- "Mobilizing Government and Community Through Evidence Based Research and Legal Strategy - A Case Study Based on the Lee Inquest in BC". This workshop was presented before a national audience at the 1st Annual Canadian Conference on the Prevention of Domestic Homicides in London Ontario. The workshop was a panel presentation by those involved in creating BC's Keeping Women Safe report, some of whom were also involved in the 2008 Lee Inquest into the death of five people
- "Expanding the Safety Net": Keynote address, BC Teachers Federation Summer Leadership Conference, Vancouver
- "Northern Responses and Approaches to Victims of Crime: Building on Strength and Resilience": Both EVA BC and CCWS staff presented at the Department of Justice Canada conference in Yellowknife, NWT
- “There Are Not Always Bruises”: This workshop was delivered at the BC Counsellors Association’s Conference in Vancouver
- “Engaged to Protect, Keeping Women Central to the Risk Assessment Process”
- “Increasing Safety for Immigrant, Refugee and Non-Status Women: Law, Policy and Practice”, in consultation with immigration lawyer and Working Group member Kamaljit Lehal and lawyer and former immigration appeal board chair now an independent adjudicator for the Correctional Service of Canada, Margaret Ostrowski Q.C.

The work of CCWS is multi faceted and the list of impacts and accomplishments too long for this report. In addition to the above, the program also assists people in accessing and using resources on the EVA BC/CCWS website; leads important discussions on the CCWS listserv; develops recommendations, strategies, protocols and solutions to provincial policy issues and identifies issues that are of particular concern to rural and isolated communities and marginalized groups within these communities.

I.7. Safe Choices Support and Education Program

The Safe Choices program is funded by the SMART Fund of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. The purpose is to improve the health and safety (physical, sexual and emotional) of women in same-gender relationships by increasing options for intervention and support, and by removing barriers to health care and social services for women in abusive same-sex relationships in Vancouver. The program continues to receive many requests for training, consultation, healthy relationship workshops and written materials about same-gender relationship abuse. There has been increased awareness about the program and we are starting to be recognized as a leader in this area locally and across the country.

Training, Consultation, Referrals and Resource Development

We provided a number of consultations and conducted training at two provincial events including a workshop for transition house workers through the provincial training of the BC Society of Transition Houses and "Making the Transition: Providing Service to Trans Survivors of Violence and Abuse": This workshop was delivered at Police Victim Services of BC 24th Annual Training Symposium "Lighting the Way to Hope".

Our curriculum can be ordered by other agencies across Canada for a fee.

Public education

As part of our ongoing Healthy Relationships workshop series, we provided:

- After the Honeymoon: Healthy Communication and Problem Solving
- Knowing Me, Knowing You: Negotiating Self and Togetherness in Intimate Relationships
- Sexuality, Intimacy & Desire for Queer Women

Feedback on the series was extremely positive, with survey respondents indicating they felt the workshops enhanced the knowledge and skills required to create healthy relationships.

Community partnerships

Safe Choices is involved in a number of exciting partnerships with the Aaron Webster Public Safety Forums, the Britannia Community Centre and Qmunity (formally the Centre - for LGBT People and Their Allies).

II. TRAINING

II.1. Annual Training Forum, November 18 & 19, 2009 in Vancouver, BC - Predicting the Storm: Addressing Violence Against Women and Children in Good Times and Bad. We hosted a very successful Training Forum attended by 256 participants, 91% of which represented community-based programs and 11% systems based. The forum featured 4 keynote speakers and 11 3.5 -hour workshops relating to the "storms" that impact violence against women and children, such as the global economic crisis, natural disasters and large-scale events like the 2010 Olympics.

A compelling 99% of survey respondents rated the Training Forum "Very Good" or "Good" overall. 100% gave top marks for the organization of the event. Again and again, participants said the training was "very informative" and "well organized".

Videos of some of the keynote speeches are available on our website (www.endingviolence.org/public_education_tools).

II.2. STV Counsellor Core Training

Module 3 of the Core Training was offered in April 2009 to 20 participants.

Module 4 of the STV Counsellor Core Training, "Linking Violence, Mental Health and Substance Use", was offered for 4 days in Vancouver in October 2009 to 21 participants and in January 2010 to 22 participants.

III. SPECIAL PROJECTS

III.1. Lee Inquest

On December 14, 2009 the BC Coroner's Inquest into the murder-suicide that took place in Oak Bay resumed after an eighteen-month adjournment. In September 2007, Sunny Park, her 6-year old son Christian Lee and her parents Kum Lea Chun and Moon Kyu Park were murdered by her estranged husband, Peter Lee, who then took his own life.

EVA BC was again present and involved in the proceedings, represented by Executive Director Tracy Porteous, CCWS Legal Analyst Gisela Ruebsaat and lawyer Diane Turner. EVA BC applied for standing at the Lee Inquest with the goal of contributing to the proceedings to substantially increase the safety of women and children in BC.

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Over the course of the last four days of the Inquest, the Jury was exposed to a range of witnesses and testimony that highlighted the systemic gaps and lack of coordination that were at the heart of this tragedy. As part of fulfilling its goal in participating at the inquest, EVA BC submitted forty-six recommendations to the jury to assist them in their development of recommendations. These recommendations included:

- Focus on risk assessment and safety planning training for all sectors
- Dedicated domestic violence police and Crown
- Coordination by all sectors on all cases
- Mandated referral to advocacy and support programs such as community-based victim assistance programs
- Increased funding for existing community-based programs and money for new programs
- Increased programs and increased monitoring for offenders
- Changes to bail such as:
 - Providing police more time to put together their reports for Crown Counsel
 - Implementing GPS monitoring system on offenders
- Better information sharing across the sectors. Right now there are conflicting interpretations of existing privacy legislation (e.g. Freedom of Information legislation) that precludes information-sharing
- Rigorous enforcement of breaches
- Province-wide public awareness campaign

III.2. Death Review Panel

In March 2010, EVA BC's Executive Director, Tracy Porteous, participated in BC's first Death Review Panel which was established as part of the Domestic Violence Action Plan initiative of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. The panel reviewed cases that took place in BC between 1995 and 2009, and advised the Chief Coroner on medical, legal, social welfare and other matters that may impact public health and safety with the goal of preventing future deaths.

III.3. Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women Project

This 3-year project funded by the Law Foundation of BC, slated to be completed in March 2011, aims to address serious policy gaps or problems that compromise the safety of refugee, immigrant, and non-

status women who experience violence. This work is being done in partnership with the Vancouver and Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services and MOSAIC.

Project documents completed during the period of this report are:

- A Literature Review
- Annotated Bibliography
- Focus Groups Summary

A series of briefing documents that address key broad issues impacting the safety of immigrant, refugee, and non-status women were developed including:

Federal:

1. Needs of Women without Status as a Result of Leaving an Abusive Spouse
2. Gender Bias in Immigration Criteria
3. Citizenship and Immigration Canada Guidelines for Cases Involving Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence
4. Sponsorship Debt for Abused Women
5. Coordination of Responses to Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women Who are Victims of Violence
6. Training of Immigration Officials on Violence Against Women

Provincial:

1. Legal Aid for Abused Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women
2. Collection of Sponsorship Debt Accrued by Abused Immigrant Women
3. Family Justice Issues for Abused Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women
4. Health Care Services for Abused Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women
5. Protection of Children of Abused Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women
6. Criminal Justice System Issues for Abused Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women
7. Coordination of Responses to Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-status Women Who are Victims of Violence in BC
8. Training on Violence Against Immigrant, Refugee, and Non-Status Women

The next step is to meet with federal policy makers to engage in discussion about needed policy changes.

III.4. Women Being Mistakenly Arrested

Since 2002, EVA BC and CCWS has been working to raise awareness of the dangers of abused women being mistakenly arrested in cases of relationship violence and sought to ensure that Primary Aggressor

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analysis is consistently applied by RCMP in such cases. This work has included:

- Delivering trainings on the issue to coordination initiatives and RCMP detachments.
- Engaging in provincial level education and collaboration with RCMP and municipal police.
- Developing resources related to women being arrested and dual charging, including case studies, resources lists and a document on the gendered nature of relationship violence.
- Assisting individual communities who want to address the issue: providing information and training, assisting community services to dialogue with police detachments.
- Developing the Safety Issues Protocol in collaboration with RCMP “E” Division: this protocol guides communities who wish to bring concerns forward to the RCMP that involve victim safety (please see www.endingviolence.org for more information).
- The CCWS *Women Being Arrested Backgrounder* originally released in September 2007 under the title “Dual Arrest in Cases of Relationship Violence” was revised and updated in July 2010. This can be downloaded at <http://www.endingviolence.org/publications>.
- EVA BC and CCWS are continuing to bring this issue to the table with the RCMP. A September 2010 meeting with senior RCMP resulted in an agreement that RCMP will survey the number of cases where women were arrested from January to July 2010. They will be researching the number of cases where women were arrested and cases of dual arrest that took place within that time frame. We will then meet with them again for further discussion.
- EVA BC plans to conduct an online survey on the topic of abused women being mistakenly arrested to inform our future discussions with the RCMP.



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IV. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

IV.1. Peer Anti-Violence Education (PAVE) Project

After the release of *Freedom from Violence: Tools for Working with Trauma, Mental Health and Substance Use*, residents and service providers in Vancouver's Downtown East Side (DTES) requested a tailored version of the toolkit for BC communities that work with highly marginalized women.

EVA BC applied for and received funding from the Vancouver Foundation and The Canadian Women's Foundation to develop a workbook and accompanying DVD aimed at promoting safety planning and encouraging conversations about safety among marginalized women.

In July 2009, the PAVE project launched its multimedia toolkit designed to help women increase the safety in their lives. "*You Are Not Alone: Violence, Substance Use and Mental Health, A Peer Approach to Increasing Your Safety*", is a multimedia toolkit featuring three complementary components: a plain language guidebook, a DVD, and a PowerPoint Presentation. These resources are intended to engage women in practical safety planning at the intersection of active substance use, mental health issues and violence.

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A Guidebook

This plain language guidebook is for women who are experiencing violence, substance use and mental health issues and who wish to increase the safety in their lives. It is designed to use in formal and informal settings, wherever women meet. The guidebook can be used on its own or combined with the other components of the PAVE Toolkit.

A DVD

Running time: 19 min. The film also contains two vignettes created by the PAVE Working Group. One vignette is about safety planning and talking about safety with friends, and the other is about community connections and community pride. The film incorporates interviews with women who have made safety in their communities a cornerstone of their work. The DVD can be used on its own or combined with the other components of the PAVE Toolkit.

A PowerPoint Presentation on CD

This PowerPoint presentation distils a vast amount of complex information into a format that is easy to understand and share with others. It was designed to build knowledge and increase viewers' capacity to respond to violence, substance use and mental health

issues. It can be used in formal or informal settings either on its own or in combination with the other components of the toolkit.

Over 250 copies of the PAVE Toolkit were distributed to anti-violence organizations across BC and to a broad cross-section of organizations in Vancouver's Downtown East Side.

IV.2. 2010 Calendar for Programs

The Association produced calendars for the fourth year and provided them to all programs as a social marketing tool. Sheila Norgate once again generously donated her artwork. Programs have expressed their appreciation for this resource.

V. PROGRAM REPRESENTATION AND ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT

V.1. Defining STV Counselling

The Stopping the Violence Counselling Program was developed in 1992/1993 with the mandate of providing mid-range counselling to female survivors of childhood abuse, sexual assault and abuse and violence in intimate relationships. The definition given in 'Schedule A' of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development contract was "Provide the services in a flexible manner which goes beyond emotional support, but does not include clinical treatment". However, program documents do not include definitions of mid-range counselling, nor of emotional support or clinical treatment. This lack of definition has proven problematic for many STV Counselling programs, partly because of the difficulty it poses for ensuring that a program is providing an appropriate level of service, and partly because the issues which many clients bring to STV programs reflect a wide range of severity.

A working document was drafted to address the issues surrounding defining STV Counselling, associated implications for wages and insurance, and recommendations. A meeting was then set up to discuss the issues with the Ministry

V.2. Protecting the Programs

EVA BC was busy all year engaged in a number of activities designed to attempt to protect the programs from funding cuts and dismantling. In response to the transfer of the programs from MHSD to MPSSG, we set up agreements with the two ministries that we and BCSTH would be involved in an oversight process to ensure the safe transition of the programs. This unfortunately never came to pass. One of the agreements of the transition was that there would be no changes to contracts and no funding cuts. This too unfortunately did not come to pass initially as once the programs were moved over, the Province announced that the programs would be cut by 2.6 %. EVA BC worked very hard on this for a

number of weeks, speaking publically, fielding hundreds of calls and emails from programs from all over the province, coordinating information to all our members, writing opinion pieces; until we saw the successful rescinding of the planned cut.

Relative to the anticipated impacts of the proposed funding cuts, EVA BC provided information and interviews to media throughout the month of September and early October, which included some of the following coverage:

- Metro Newspaper, Vancouver re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 17, 2009)
- CBC Radio, Vancouver's Early Edition, interview with EVA BC Executive Director Tracy Porteous re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 17, 2009)
- CBC Radio, Victoria, interview with EVA BC Executive Director Tracy Porteous re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 22, 2009)
- Metro Newspaper, Vancouver re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 23, 2009)
- CTV Television, interview with EVA BC Executive Director Tracy Porteous re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 25, 2009)
- Georgia Straight Online, Opinion-Editorial piece by EVA BC Executive Director Tracy Porteous re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 24, 2009)
- Times Colonist, article re: Christian Lee Report (September 24, 2009)
- The Globe and Mail, article re: Christian Lee Report (September 24, 2009)
- Omni TV, interview in Punjabi with Harjit Kaur, EVA BC Program Manager re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 25, 2009)
- The Province, article re: immigrant women, budget cuts/service impacts, Christian Lee Report (September 25, 2009)
- The Globe and Mail, article re: Christian Lee Report, budget cuts/service impacts (September 25, 2009)
- Times Colonist, article re: Christian Lee Report (September 25, 2009)
- BC Association of Social Workers, press release re: Christian Lee Report, budget cuts (September 25, 2009)

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- Times Colonist, article re: budget cuts/service impacts (September 25, 2009)
- The Globe and Mail, article re: Christian Lee Report, budget cuts (September 28, 2009)
- Times Colonist, article re: budget cuts rescinded (September 30, 2009)
- The Province, article re: budget cuts rescinded (September 30, 2009)

In order to assist those in power to better understand the programs under our umbrella and better understand EVA BC and CCWS, we also developed a number of Briefing Notes, they were: "Violence Against Women During Economic Downturns"; "The "Dollars and Cents" Case for STV Counselling and Outreach Programs", and the "Dollars and Cents Case for CCWS". A number of programs also provided letters of support that we so appreciate!

Another threat facing programs is the Province's Procurement Policy, which, if implemented could result in all the programs being put up for a "Request for Proposal" process, where all programs would have to compete for the right to continue to provide the services you have been providing for many decades. At best, if the same agencies were successful in winning the new contracts, the expenditure of effort to go through this process would be wasteful and place an unnecessary burden on already over-extended agencies. At worst, if new, inexperienced agencies with untrained staff and no track-record, with no trust in the communities were the successful bidders, the results could be devastating in terms of safety. We developed another iteration of the briefing document about RFPs and submitted that to the province and hope in the coming months programs across BC will be raising their concerns about this.

V.3. Ministry Attorney General Family Relations Act Review

EVA BC provided consultation on possible options for dealing with family violence issues in general and restraining orders in particular as part of the reforms currently being considered by the Ministry of Attorney General to the Family Relations Act.

In February 2006, the Ministry of Attorney General announced a review of BC's *Family Relations Act* aimed at modernizing the law and supporting cooperative approaches to resolving disputes. A three-phase consultation was launched in 2007.

V.4. Ministry of Children and Family Development Best Practices

EVA BC has been working with BCSTH and BCWH, assisting MCFD with the updating of the Violence Against Women In Relationships (VAWIR)

Best Practices to include information on risk and safety. We also this year developed a 6 module training with funding provided by MCFD.

V.5. Office of the Representative for Children & Youth

In April 2009, EVA BC and CCWS attended a private consultation with the Representative for Children & Youth to discuss how children are affected by domestic violence. Tracy was subsequently invited to participate in the launch of the Representative's report "Honouring Christian Lee. No Private Matter: Protecting Children Living With Domestic Violence" in September 2009.

V.6. Working Together Task Force

The BC Government and Non Profit Initiative (GNPI) was designed to improve relations with BC's non-profit sector. The initiative is made up of a Steering Committee supported by 3 task forces on procurement, capacity building and working together. EVA BC was been an active member in the initial 18 month stage but is no longer.

V.7. Consultation/Meetings with Ministry of Housing and Social Development

EVA BC meets with the Ministry on an ongoing basis to consult and raise issues from the field. The meetings are intended to dialogue about program related issues and pressures.

V.8. Meetings with Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division

On numerous occasions this year the Association met with VSCPD to bring forward and discuss emerging issues, including:

- **Olympic Coordination:** The Association is an active member of the VSCPD committee responsible for coordinating victim services during the 2010 Olympics.
- **Amendments to BC's Victims of Crime Act (VOCA):** For some time, the Association has been recommending changes to the VOCA to ensure timely and seamless referrals. Both the Association and CCWS continue to support the VSCPD in its review of the legislation and potential impacts of amendments.

V.9. National Victim Policy Centre's Advisory Committee

EVA BC is a member of the National Victim Policy Centre's (NVPC) Advisory Committee.

V.10. Provincial Integrated Recovery Council

This interagency provincial committee, hosted by the MPSSG, comprises a cross-section of crisis intervention and planning agencies seeking a coordinated disaster response. Council members communicate via email and conference calls to offer support and share information and resources.

VI. OTHER CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION

VI.1. Save Our Daughters Coalition

EVA BC has been participating in this Surrey-based coalition that works to address violence against women in South Asian communities (more info at www.saveourdaughters.ca). We are a member of the Core Group for the Coalition as well as a member of the Mapping the Services working group, which is developing a resource directory for women and service providers. The directory will include services available in specific languages. The SODC has plans to create a document that looks like a passport that will contain information about violence and about services available. It would be given to immigrant women before they arrived in BC.

VI.2. Building Bridges Project

EVA BC sits on the Building Bridges Advisory Committee. This provincial initiative, led by the Woman Abuse Response Program of the BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre, is aimed at improving service provision for women impacted by abuse, mental health and/ or substance use. This project has been engaged in identifying systemic challenges, successes and gaps in service province-wide.

VI.3. We Can Campaign

EVA BC joined the Steering Committee of the We Can Campaign. Prior to this, we were sitting on its Advisory Committee. Sponsored by Oxfam, the We Can Campaign is an international movement to end all violence against women. We regularly share upcoming events with We Can and will continue to support their efforts, resources and work with our programs via our website link. It allows our programs to keep updated on resources and materials that they produce as well as events that are related to violence against women. We Can campaign is doing a research project of mapping all the resources and services related to violence against women. This research will be a good resource for us, as well.

We Can organizers have been using resources from the EVA BC website as well as the "Men Speak Up" DVD for doing presentations. We Can is also creating materials and resources for schools and this will include a "60 Minute Lesson Plan" for teachers.

VI.4. Legal Education and Preventing Violence (LEAPV), MOSAIC

We sit on the Advisory Committee for this project. The project is responsible for providing the South Asian community with legal education on violence prevention with a focus on women, using the media. This is a three- year project funded by the Law Foundation. The goal of the project is to enhance the safety of women and children in the South Asian community and increase access to the justice system by providing legal information in order to eliminate barriers.



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VI.5. Immigrant Public Legal Education & Information (PLEI) Consortium Project

The PLEI Consortium Project is a collaborative pilot project with the goal of enhancing the delivery of public legal education and information (PLEI) for immigrants in Metro Vancouver. PLEI has consulted with us to add information about EVA BC to the list of resources they have on their website.

VI.6. Provincial Round Table

We continue to participate in meetings of the Provincial Round Table group along with other representatives from provincial non-profit organizations in the social services sector.

VI.7. Legal Services Society

EVA BC continues to consult with the Legal Services Society about changes to legal aid. LSS is exploring new models for service delivery in the family law area to help make services more accessible for women who have experienced violence in the context of family breakdown.

VII. OTHER

VII.1. Melissa Chatham Memorial Fund

EVA BC continues to maintain the Melissa Chatham Memorial Fund which has a featured link on the Home Page of our website at www.endingviolence.org.

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 has set up a memorial fund in honour of Melissa's life. Donations will be used to support other young women across BC who are facing violence in their relationships.

VII.2. Provincial and National Victims of Crime Awareness Week

In the first quarter of 2010, EVA BC laid the groundwork to host an event in Victoria for Members of the BC Legislature, police and service providers from the anti-violence sector with internationally renowned educator, author and filmmaker Jackson Katz. The goal of this event was to create an opportunity for elected officials to gain new information and insights into the issues surrounding gender violence that may assist them in their work as they make critical decisions to enhance the health and safety of all British Columbians. Funding for the event was provided by the Department of Justice, Canada in support of the 5th Annual National Victims of Crime Awareness Week April 18 - 24, 2010. The theme for NVCAW 2010 was "Every Victim Matters".

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VII.3. EVA BC Strategic Plan and Communications Plan

A 3-year strategic plan was developed for EVA BC in December 2008. Strategic goals articulated in the plan are:

1. To act as a strong and credible voice for the needs of victims of violence across BC.
2. To increase the skills and knowledge of agencies working with survivors.
3. To enhance coordination of services for child and youth victims of violence.

Relative to the Strategic Plan, a successful grant application was made to the Centre for Sustainability for the purpose of developing a broad Communications Plan that would help us achieve our maximum potential “To act as a strong and credible voice for the needs of victims of violence across BC” and to coordinate key messages with others in the social service sector across BC. The funding is from the Social Services Capacity Grants.



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Appendix A:

Program Membership Listing 2009 – 2010



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EVA BC Program Membership 2009 – 2010

AGENCY NAME	PROGRAM NAME	TYPE
100 Mile House Women's Centre Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Abbotsford Community Services	Abbotsford Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Abbotsford Community Services	Abuse Counselling and Support Services	STV
Abbotsford Community Services	Multicultural Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Abbotsford Community Services	Mission Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Aboriginal Health Services – Vancouver Coastal Health	Aboriginal Wellness Program	CBVAP
Alberni Community and Women's Services Society	Community Based Victim Service Program	CBVAP
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	CBVAP
BC 211	VictimLINK	CBVAP
BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre	Sexual Assault Support Services	OSP
Bella Coola Community Support Society	Bella Coola Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
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

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Burnaby Family Life Institute	Stopping Violence Against Women Program	STV
Cameray Centre	Child and Youth Victim Support Program	CBVAP
Campbell River Family Services Society	Community Based Victim Service Program	CBVAP
Campbell River & North Island Transition Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Canadian Mental Health Association	Community Based Victim Services	CBVAP
Castlegar & District Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Castlegar & District Community Services Society	STV Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society	Women's Outreach Services	STV ORS
Chetwynd Women's Resource Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Child Abuse Prevention & Counselling Society of Greater Victoria (Mary Manning Centre)	Victim Service Program	CBVAP
Chilliwack Community Services	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Chimo Crisis Services	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Chinese Community Policing Centre	Specialized Victim Services	CBVAP
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	CBVAP
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 Service	CBVAP
Creston & District Community Resource Centre	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Cythera Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program	STV

AGENCY NAME	PROGRAM NAME	TYPE
Cythera Transition House Society	Multicultural Services	STV ORS
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	STV ORS
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 for the North Okanagan	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	New West Stopping the Violence Program	STV
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 – TASA Counselling Centre	Community Based Victim Services	CBVAP
Family Services of Greater Vancouver – TASA Counselling Centre	Family Violence Program (DVU)	CBVAP
Family Services of Greater Vancouver – VISAC	Victim Support Services	CBVAP
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Burnaby/New West Community Based Victim Services Program	CBVAP
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Vancouver Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)	CBVAP
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, Fernie	STV
Fernie Women's Resource & Drop-In Centre	STV Counselling Program, Elkford	STV

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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	CBVAP
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 Service Program	CBVAP
Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace	STV Counselling Program	STV
Haven Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Haven Society	Community Victim Services	CBVAP
Haven Society	Haven Outreach Services	STV ORS
Haven Society	Haven Society Community Victim Services, Parksville	CBVAP
Hollyburn Family Services Society	Family Relationship Violence Victim Support Services	CBVAP
Hope & Area Transition Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Interior Health Authority/Enderby Community Health Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Stopping the Violence Against Women Program, Langley	STV
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Stopping the Violence Against Women Program, Aldergrove	STV
Ishtar Transition Housing Society	Ishtar Community Based Victim Services	CBVAP
Island Women Against Violence	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Island Women Against Violence	Women's Outreach Services	STV ORS

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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	CBVAP
Kamloops Community YMCA-YWCA Shelter Services	Y Women's Emergency Shelter Outreach Services	STV ORS
Kelowna Family Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Kootenai Community Centre Society	Creston Outreach Program	STV ORS
Ksan House Society	Stopping Violence Against Women Program	STV
Ksan House Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program	STV ORS
Ksan House Society	Terrace Sexual Assault Centre/Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
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	CBVAP
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	CBVAP
MOSAIC	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
MOSAIC	Multicultural Outreach Program	STV ORS
MOSAIC	Multicultural Victim Services Program	CBVAP
Namgis First Nation, Namgis Health Centre	Namgis Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Nelson Community Services Centre Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Nelson Community Services Centre Society	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS

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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
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	CBVAP
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	CBVAP
North Shore Crisis Services Society	Multicultural Outreach Services	STV ORS
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	CBVAP
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	CBVAP

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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	STV Counselling Program, Prince George	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	CBVAP
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Quesnel Family & Sexual Victim Support Services	CBVAP
Prince George & District Elizabeth Fry Society	Women's Services Outreach	STV ORS
Prince George Native Friendship Centre	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Prince Rupert Community Enrichment Society	Community Based Victim Services	CBVAP
Princeton Child Care Services Society	STV Women's 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
Sea To Sky Community Services	STV Counselling Program, Squamish	STV
Sea To Sky Community Services	STV Counselling Program, 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	CBVAP
Shuswap Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Program	STV ORS
Sooke Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program, Sooke	STV

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Sooke Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program, Port Renfrew	STV
Sooke Transition House Society	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
South Fraser Women's Services Society	STV Counselling Program, Surrey/ Cloverdale	STV
South Fraser Women's Services Society	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	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
South Peace Community Resources Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
South Peace Community Resources Society	Specialized Victim Services	CBVAP
South Peace Community Resources Society	Dawson Creek Outreach	STV ORS
South Peace Community Resources Society	Tumbler Ridge Outreach	STV ORS
Summit Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence, Women's Counselling Program, Cranbrook	STV
Summit Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence, Women's Counselling Program, Kimberley	STV
Summit Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Outreach Services	STV ORS
Summit Community Services Society	Community Based Victim Services	CBVAP
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	Sunshine Coast Community Based Victim Services	CBVAP
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S.) Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Surrey Women's Centre Society	Women's Counselling Program	STV

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Surrey Women's Centre Society	Surrey Community Victim Services	CBVAP
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	Community Based Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
The Alma Mater Society, UBC	Sexual Assault Support Centre	OSP
Trail Family & Individual Resource Centre	Specialized Victim Services	CBVAP
Trail Family & Individual Resource Centre	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	CBVAP
Tri-City Transitions Society	Outreach Program	STV ORS
Tumbler Ridge Counselling Services – Northern Health Authority (North East)	STV Counselling Program	STV
Vancouver Island Men's Trauma Counselling Society – Men's Trauma Centre	Men's Trauma Program: Victims Assistance	CBVAP
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	CBVAP
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	Stopping the Violence Counselling Program	STV
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	Specialized Victim Assistance Program	CBVAP
Vernon Women's Transition House Society	Outreach Services	STV ORS
Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre	STV Counselling Program	STV
Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre	Sexual Violence Victim Services	CBVAP
Victoria Women's Transition House Society	Spousal Assault Victim Support Program	CBVAP
Victoria Women's Transition House Society	STV Counselling Program	STV
Westcoast Community Resources Society	STV Counselling Program	STV

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Westcoast Community Resources Society	Women's Outreach Program	STV ORS
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford Women's Support Services	STV
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	Mission Women's Support Services	STV
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	Multicultural Outreach, Abbotsford	STV ORS
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	Multicultural Outreach, Mission	STV ORS
Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley	STV Outreach Program	STV ORS
Yellowhead Community Services	STV Counselling Program	STV

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