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A conference held Wednesday night at the Hotel Grand Pacific, centred around preventing domestic violence and called on the government to increase spending into prevention programs.

A report released this year by the End Violence Association painted a disturbing picture; noting that this year alone, 18 people in BC have been killed in domestic disputes, including one child.

BC's representative for Children and Youth, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, says that the province is falling behind.

"In some instances, a victim has to pay \$200 for a protective order and that should be eliminated. British Columbia has not made it easy and they need to do a lot more, we're falling behind other jurisdictions."

Typically, September is a busy month for intakes in the child welfare system, because teacher's are able to identify children in need and get them the help they require.

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