MID-TERM PARTNERSHIP MEETING REPORT

More than 70 members of the CDHPIVP partnership met on October 17, 2017 in London to learn about progress made on the project and provide input into the third phase of the research project. Discussions from the meeting were summarized in the CDHPIVP Mid-Term Partnership report available at: http://cdhpi.ca/cdhpvp-mid-term-partnership-meeting-report

CANADIAN DOMESTIC HOMICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Thank you to everyone for their support and contributions related to the conference held in London in October. We especially acknowledge the conference steering committee for their time and participation in planning this event. We would also like to acknowledge the CREVAWC staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to bring it all together including Barb Potter, Elsa Barreto, Sara Straatman, Joy Lang, Casey Oliver and Natalia Musielak. More than 400 people attended the conference and we received very positive feedback from it through evaluations. Highlights from the conference are available in the video. Please check out the website for videos of the plenary presentations, PowerPoint presentations, full program and more. 
RESEARCH UPDATE

Preparing for Phase 3

At the Mid-Term Partnership meeting, the group discussed trauma-informed ways of conducting interviews with domestic violence survivors, and proxies for homicide victims. A number of ideas were put forward and are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. How interviewers can meet the needs of research subjects

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<th>Choice and Voice: What people being interviewed may want or need to participate in a research study</th>
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<td>Choice about when, where, how they will participate; who they will speak with</td>
<td>Be trauma-informed – support and respond to choices and needs of person being interviewed</td>
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<td>A chance to tell their story at their own pace in their own language</td>
<td>Empathy, warmth, awareness of trauma reactions, active listening skills. Offer breaks, flexibility in interview schedule</td>
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<td>An interpreter with expertise in field of domestic violence</td>
<td>Awareness of potential language and interpretation needs of those being interviewed</td>
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<td>To know that their contribution matters, will have an impact on preventing tragedies in similar circumstances in the future, to understand the purpose and intended outcome of the study; that they can revoke consent at any time</td>
<td>Understanding of purpose of research and ability to convey this in plain language; clarify ongoing consent</td>
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<td>Respect, to be believed, acknowledgement</td>
<td>Open mind and non-judgmental</td>
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<td>Assurances of confidentiality</td>
<td>Ability to maintain confidentiality</td>
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<td>Follow-up and referral to culturally appropriate support services</td>
<td>Culturally specific sensitivity training, awareness of help sources, referrals</td>
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| A support person at the interview or available directly after the interview                      | Be aware of potential trauma responses and how to respond appropriately  
|                                                                                                 | Ensure that supports are available if required |
Research agreements with Coroners
We continue to pursue research agreements with Coroners or Medical Examiners office in all provinces and territories. A Research Protocol has been developed and is available on the website at www.cdhpi.ca
To date 2 agreements have been signed.

Domestic Homicide Databases
Two databases are being created:
1) using data from coroners and medical examiners’ records;
2) using court and media files.

538 Homicide cases identified through court and media records between 2010 and 2015

495 Homicide cases coded for the database to date.

Key Informant Interviews by region
We are still looking for key informants representing many regions and professions across Canada. Please help spread the word. Contact astraat2@uwo.ca for more information.

Interviews by sector

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<td>Settlement Services</td>
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<td>Community Centre</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Numbers reflect regions: Territories, Western provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes
STUDENT PROFILE: NICOLE JEFFREY

Nicole is a PhD Candidate in applied Social Psychology at the University of Guelph. She received a Bachelor of Arts and Science at the University of Windsor in 2011 and a Master of Arts in Psychology at the University of Guelph in 2014. She is particularly interested in the intersections of feminism, social justice, and psychology, and is passionate about issues related to women’s wellbeing and oppression. She is currently a Research Assistant for the CDHPIVP and a Project Manager at the Research Shop (Community Engaged Scholarship Institute, University of Guelph), where she works on a wide range of research projects with community partners. Her research has mainly focused on issues of violence against women, including sexual and intimate partner violence. Her current PhD research extends her MA research on university women’s experiences of intimate partner sexual violence by examining university men’s perpetration of such violence. In her spare time, she likes to do yoga, travel, and spend time with family and friends.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Canadian Domestic Violence Conference – Halifax
March 22-23, 2018
The CDHPIVP will be well represented at this upcoming national conference. Presentations and workshops regarding CDHPIVP research activities will be made by many students, research assistants, co-investigators, collaborators and management team members. We look forward to seeing many of you there. For more information about the conference: https://canadiandomesticviolenceconference.org/

Shelters of the Future Conference—Ottawa—June 13-15, 2018
Women’s Shelters Canada is hosting the Shelters of the Future Conference in Ottawa – June 13-15, 2018. To learn more about this exciting event: http://www.endvaw.ca/nc2018/

Applying Evidence to Prevent Violence Conference—Regina
May 28-29, 2018
PATHS is hosting the Applying Evidence to Prevent Violence Conference, May 28-29, 2018 in Regina, SK. Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2018. For more details, check out Basecamp. To register: https://pathssk.org/conference-2018/

We want to hear from you!

Please share with us via email or Basecamp any news items, new publications, resources or events.
**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Lydia Quinn joins us in a Collaborator role from the RCMP High Risk Domestic Violence Case Coordination Program in Nova Scotia where she chairs or co-chairs a number of High Risk Protocol committee groups.

Ontario Native Women’s Association has joined as a Partner organization. To learn more about this organization visit [www.onwa.ca](http://www.onwa.ca)

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**CDHPIVP IN THE MEDIA**

Domestic homicides have received a great deal of attention in the media in recent months. Members of the CDHPIVP have been interviewed regarding these deaths via local and national media outlets including Chatelaine, Macleans, CTV and CBC.

Click on the logos for links to the stories.

Macleans and Chatelaine featured the Renfrew County murders in November 2017.

The deaths of BC girls at Christmas also gained significant media attention for which members of the CDHPIVP responded to media requests, made by CTV.

CBC News featured a special report in January on domestic homicides in Saskatchewan and lessons learned from the Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

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**MID-TERM REPORT SUBMITTED TO SSHRC**

The Mid-term report was submitted to SSHRC on October 31, 2017. This report provides an overall view of what the partnership has accomplished by the midpoint of the award and provides enough information for the review committee to assess the progress of the project. Areas reported on include:

- progress of research and knowledge mobilization activities (evolving as planned, or have overcome challenges to keep project on track);
- training and mentoring activities;
- governance and management structure;
- engagement of partner organizations.

The full report is available in Basecamp in the General Project Hub.

Feedback from SSHRC indicated that reviewers felt we were mostly on track and meeting expectations. There was some concern expressed about the level of knowledge mobilization at this stage of the research (based on a lack of peer-reviewed articles).

SSHRC has informed us that it will continue to fund this project and recommends that an additional year may be required.

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**CO-INVESTIGATOR/STUDENT/RESEARCH ASSISTANT MEETING JUNE 18-19, 2018**

Co-investigators, students and research assistants will be meeting in London on June 18-19, 2018 where we will discuss progress on data collection, strategize on data analysis and writing projects and prepare for conducting interviews with survivors of severe domestic violence and proxy interviews for homicide victims.
Featuring some recent publications from our co-investigators, partners and collaborators related to domestic homicide and domestic violence research:

**When Parents Kill Children: Understanding Filicide.**

Members of the CDHPIVP contributed the following chapters:
Myrna Dawson—Canadian trends in filicide by gender of the accused, 1961-2011
Randal David and Peter Jaffe—Protecting children living with domestic violence: Risk of homicide in the context of immigration.


**DOMESTIC HOMICIDE BRIEFS**

The Domestic Homicide Briefs highlight information gleaned through the literature review and consultation with partners and collaborators. The series feature topics related to the CDHPIVP initiative including:
1. Domestic Violence Death Review Committees: “Speaking for the Dead to Protect the Living”
3. Children and Domestic Homicide: Understanding the Risks
4. Domestic violence in immigrant and refugee populations: Culturally-informed Risk Assessment Strategies

All Briefs are available on the Website: [www.cdhpi.ca/knowledge-products#DHB](http://www.cdhpi.ca/knowledge-products#DHB)
Zoe Hilton  Dr. N. Zoe Hilton’s research interest in domestic violence began as a graduate student, when she volunteered in women’s shelters and domestic violence counselling centres in Toronto. This led to a research and education project for high school students on interpersonal violence. She later headed the research team that developed the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA), a brief actuarial tool created to aid decision making by police and other first responders to intimate partner violence. She continues to conduct validation studies of the ODARA and other risk assessment tools, and is currently revamping the online professional training program (“ODARA 101”). Her other research addresses risk communication, decision-making, and care-giver trauma. She has been honoured to receive a number of awards for teamwork and community service, and is delighted to be part of the CDHPIVC initiative. Zoe is a member of CDHPIVP’s National Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of the Risk Assessment, Risk Management and Safety Planning Committee. Zoe is associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto, adjunct scientist at the University of Ottawa Institute for Mental Health Research, and a registered psychologist. Since 1990 she has worked at the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care, Penetanguishene, where she is currently senior research scientist.

Randy Kropp  Dr. Kropp is a clinical and forensic psychologist specializing in the assessment and management of violent offenders. He works for the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission of British Columbia, Canada, Protect International, Inc., and is Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Simon Fraser University. He has conducted numerous workshops for mental health professionals, police officers, corrections staff, and others in North America, Australia, Asia, Africa, and Europe. This training has focused on violence risk assessment, intimate partner violence, and criminal harassment (stalking). He has frequently consulted the provincial, state, and federal government ministries on matters related to violence against women and children, and the assessment and treatment of violent offenders. He has published numerous journal articles, book chapters, and research reports, and he is co-author to several works on risk assessment, including the Manual for the Spousal Assault Risk Assessment Guide – Version 3 (SARA-V3), the Brief Spousal Assault Form for the Evaluation of Risk (B-SAFER), the Manual for the Sexual Violence Risk – 20, the Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP), the Guidelines for Stalking Assessment and Management (SAM); and the Assessment of Risk for Honour Based Violence (PATRIARCH).
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SAVE THE DATE!

CDHPIVP Partnership Meeting
November 1-2, 2018
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