Research Update

Research Project 1 – Domestic Homicide Database

We have received Ethics approval for data collection and development of the domestic homicide database from Western University and Saint Mary’s University. An application has been submitted to University of Guelph and is awaiting approval. Ethics applications are also being submitted to University of Manitoba, Calgary, Simon Fraser, Regina and Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). This process has taken longer than originally anticipated and reported in previous newsletters but we continue to make progress.

Research Project 2 – National Survey and Key Informant Interviews

A national, bilingual, online survey will be conducted asking people from various professions to identify populations they serve and the domestic violence risk assessment, risk management and safety planning approaches they utilize in their organization. Those who wish to offer more information will be invited to provide contact information and may be approached for a follow-up interview.

The interviews will be conducted shortly after the national survey. Participants will be identified through the survey, and by CDHPIVP partners and collaborators and their networks, and other referrals. We plan to interview about 200 people who provide services to each of the vulnerable populations, seeking diversity and equal representation among the groups as much as possible. Ethics approval has been obtained for this phase of the study from the following universities: Western, Guelph, Saint Mary’s and Manitoba. Project members may be contacted to participate in pilot interviews in the coming weeks.

The survey will open on January 4, 2017. An email will be sent out with a link inviting you to complete the survey. Please distribute this link widely through your networks.
New Project Members

We welcome the following organizations and individuals to the project:

**Awo Taan Healing Lodge**—(Partner) an emergency women’s shelter located in Calgary, Alberta which provides holistic support and guidance to women and children from all cultures. Josie Nepinak is representing this agency on our project. Learn more about their organization at: [www.awotaan.org](http://www.awotaan.org)

**Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research**, University of New Brunswick (Partner) — a research centre that conducts and encourages practice and policy-relevant research on family violence and violence against women and children. Cathy Holtmann represents the agency for this project. Learn more at [http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/centres/mmfc/](http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/centres/mmfc/)

**RESOLVE Alberta**—(partner) a member of the tri-prairie RESOLVE network that coordinates and supports research aimed at ending violence, especially girls and young women. [http://www.ucalgary.ca/resolve/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/resolve/)

**Salima Massoui**—(Research Assistant) a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Université du Québec à Montréal working with Myriam Dubé

**Meghan Gosse**—(Research Assistant) is a first year PhD student in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Dalhousie University and is working on this project under the supervision of Diane Crocker.

**Nicole Letourneau**—(Co-Investigator), RESOLVE Alberta Research Coordinator. Her research focuses on developing and testing interventions to support vulnerable children’s development with an emphasis on family violence. Learn more at: [www.cdhpi.ca/nicole-letourneau](http://www.cdhpi.ca/nicole-letourneau)

To learn more about our project members, visit: [http://www.cdhpi.ca/partnership-members](http://www.cdhpi.ca/partnership-members)
Literature Review

The CDHPIVP Literature Review explores the research question “What risk assessment, risk management, and/or safety planning strategies prevent domestic violence in Indigenous communities, rural, remote and Northern communities, immigrant and refugee populations, and among children living with domestic violence?”

Using systematic key word searches, we obtained an initial collection of 2500 references, of which 650 were identified as key data collection sources (about 350 academic articles and 300 grey literature pieces). In addition to the final Literature Review report, there will be ten Annotated Bibliographies, as each of the four Hubs (Indigenous, Rural, Remote, & Northern, Immigrant & Refugee, and Children) is producing an annotated bibliography for both academic literature and grey literature, as well as General Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning annotated bibliographies for academic and grey literature. Beyond these annotated bibliographies, each data sheet is being coded for key themes among and across Hubs related to risk assessment, risk management, and safety planning, which will be used to write up the final SSHRC literature review. At the Research Assistant meeting in London on October 28-29, RAs presented preliminary findings and core themes observed within their data collection and annotated bibliography. Thank you to the RAs for all their hard work to date!

The coding and writing process have taken longer than originally anticipated but we look forward to having the Annotated Bibliographies available early in the New Year, with a draft report available for review in early Spring 2017.

Re-naming of Research Hub

The Aboriginal Hub name has been changed to Indigenous Hub.

This direction was given by several project partners and co-investigators in recent months, and in consultation with community organizations. The word Aboriginal which derives form European sources can mean “not original” when taking the root “ab” as a Latin prefix.

The term indigenous tends to refer to people with long standing traditional occupations of a territory, but who are under pressure now as minorities or disenfranchised populations within an industrialized or industrializing nation-state.

A discussion about the usage of these terms is available through:

Indigenous Arts Foundations program at UBC

and a CBC news article: What is in a name?
Project Activities

Student Meeting

The CDHPIVP hosted a meeting for students and research assistants currently working on the project on October 27-29, 2016 at Western University in London, ON. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the project and opportunity for students and research assistants to connect; share what they learned to date through the literature review; test data collection instruments; and identify additional learning opportunities.

A special thank you to Laura Olszowy for hosting the group for a social event one evening at her home.

Back row left to right: Meghan Gosse, Danielle Sutton, Danielle Bader, Jane Wangmann (guest), Mike Saxton, Peter Jaffe, Anna-Lee Straatman, Myrna Dawson, Marcie Campbell, Jordan Fairbairn, Kay Reif, Randal David, Sarah Yercich
Front row: Robert Mooney (interpreter), Salima Massoui, Anna Johnson, Nicole Jeffrey, Olivia Peters, Melissa Wuerch, Natasha Lagarde, Laura Olszowy, Abir Al Jamal
Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference

Plans are well underway for the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference on October 18-19, 2017 in London, ON at the London Convention Centre. A committee has been established to organize the event and review submissions received through the Call for Proposals process, but we will be seeking assistance from all partnership members with promotional activities. More information about the conference and a preliminary agenda are available on the website at: www.cdhpi.ca/canadian-domestic-homicide-prevention-conference

The Call for Proposals, Abstracts and Posters for presentation submissions opened December 15, 2016 and closes March 31, 2107. To submit a proposal: http://cdhpi.ca/call-proposals

The CDHPIVP Partnership will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in London, ON to share updates on progress, obtain feedback, and plan for the final stages of the project. All project co-investigators, students, RAs, collaborators and representatives from partner organizations are welcome to attend. A complete list of partnering organizations and collaborators is available at: http://www.cdhpi.ca/partnership-members
Knowledge Mobilization products

Check out our latest products available on the website at http://www.cdhpi.ca/knowledge-products

A series of Domestic Homicide Briefs are being developed as a result of knowledge gleaned through the literature review, collaboration and communication with partners and collaborators on various topics related to the project.

Series products include:

1. Domestic Violence Death Review Committees: Speaking for the dead to protect the living

These products are available on the website in English and French.

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