

# CDHP IVP Project Update

## Research Update

### Research Project 1 – Domestic Homicide Database

We have received Ethics approval for data collection and development from all project university partners. We have also secured research licenses with Nunavummi Qaujisaqtulirijikku/Nunavut Research Institute and Vuntut Gwitchit Government. A Database Research Protocol has been developed and has been posted on the website and in Basecamp as a resource guide. We are pursuing Research Agreements with provincial and territorial coroners' offices to collect data. Currently, Research Assistants are coding data on domestic homicides for a distinct database with information obtained through court and media documents.

### Research Project 2 - National Online Survey and Key Informant Interviews

A national, bilingual online survey was launched on January 4, 2017 which focused on domestic violence/homicide risk assessment, risk management and safety planning practices, particularly among the four vulnerable populations identified in this project:

- Indigenous
- Immigrants and refugees
- Rural, remote and northern
- Children exposed to domestic violence.

We are very pleased with the response rate to the survey. Included in the following pages are some preliminary results of the survey for your information. The map (Figure 1) identifies number of survey responses received by province as of April 22, 2017. As of May 1, 2017, nearly 1400 people completed the survey and identified the sector they worked in. The survey officially closed on April 30, 2017 but remains open to allow for participation from select sectors and geographic regions to improve response rates.

Table 1 reports the number of respondents who regularly work with each vulnerable population conducting risk assessment, risk management and/or safety planning. Table 2 reports the number of respondents by sector who frequently/regularly conduct risk assessment, risk management or safety planning with each vulnerable population.



**Figure 1: Survey responses by province as of April 22, 2017**



**Table 1: Preliminary national results: Overall survey respondents who conduct RA/RM/SP in Canada with vulnerable populations. N=1265**

	Immigrants and refugees	Indigenous	Rural, remote and northern	Children exposed to domestic violence
respondents who regularly/frequently worked with the population	N= 366 %= 21.7	N= 656 %= 38.9	N= 822* %= 48.8*	N= 654 %= 38.8
respondents who regularly/frequently conduct Risk assessment	N= 236 %= 64.8	N= 412 %= 63.4	N= 519 %= 63.8	N= 448 %= 69.1
respondents who regularly/frequently conduct Risk management	N= 250 %= 69.1	N= 420 %= 64.3	N= 511 %= 62.7	N= 461 %= 70.9
respondents who regularly/frequently conduct Safety planning	N= 248 %= 68.5	N= 438 %= 67.3	N= 558 %= 68.6	N= 476 %= 73.5

Note: Due to missing responses on survey, the total will vary.

\*Percentage of the total number of those who selected either working with rural/northern/remote or some combination of the three.

**Table 2: Preliminary national results: RA/RM/SP by sector**

Respondents who Regularly/Frequently conduct RA/RM/SP by sector		Immigrants and refugees	Indigenous	Rural, Remote, Northern	Children Exposed to Domestic Violence
Shelters/victim advocate; Sexual violence support services N=373	RA	N=188 %= 50.4	N= 229 %= 61.4	N= 174 %= 46.6	N= 217 %= 58.2
	RM	N= 299 %= 80.2	N= 220 %= 59	N= 169 %= 45.3	N= 222 %= 59.5
	SP	N= 224 %= 60.1	N=267 %= 71.6	N= 195 %= 52.3	N= 250 %= 67
Child Protection N=157	RA	N= 66 %= 42	N= 80 %= 51	N= 91 %= 58	N= 127 %= 80.9
	RM	N= 68 %= 43.3	N= 79 %= 50.3	N= 89 %= 56.7	N=124 %= 79
	SP	N= 70 %= 44.6	N= 84 %= 53.5	N= 94 %= 59.9	N= 128 %= 81.5
Police N=72	RA	N= 39 %= 54.2	N= 38 %= 52.8	N= 26 %= 36.1	N= 44 %= .61
	RM	N= 39 %= 54.2	N= 39 %= 54.2	N= 27 %= 37.5	N= 47 %= 65.3
	SP	N= 33 %= 45.8	N= 31 %= 46.1	N= 17 %= 23.6	N= 36 %= 50
Corrections-probation/PAR program, Batterer intervention N=112	RA	N= 63 %= 56.3	N= 73 %= 65.2	N= 54 %= 48.2	N= 14 %= 12.5
	RM	N= 69 %= 61.6	N= 84 %= 75	N= 52 %= 46.4	N= 15 %= 13.4
	SP	N= 46 %= 41.1	N= 62 %= 55.4	N= 35 %= 31.3	N= 15 %= 13.4
Mental health/Addiction Services/Health Care N=225	RA	N= 72 %= 32	N= 91 %= 40.4	N= 38 %= 16.9	N= 61 %= 27.1
	RM	N= 81 %= 36	N= 100 %= 44.4	N= 72 %= 32	N= 74 %= 32.9
	SP	N= 86 %= 38.2	N= 107 %= 47.6	N= 76 %= 33.8	N= 79 %= 35.1

The survey also allowed respondents to volunteer to participate in Key Informant interviews. More than 400 people volunteered to be interviewed in this next phase of the study. Further analyses are required to determine whether respondents meet interview criteria:

- Regularly work with at least one of the populations identified AND
- Regularly / frequently conduct risk assessment or risk management or safety planning

Based on survey responses, it appears additional snowball sampling may be necessary to obtain input across sectors, population and geographic region. Our goal is to conduct 200 interviews distributed by geographic region (40 in each region [North, Western provinces, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes]; 40 within each sector [shelter, police, child protection, mental health/healthcare/addictions, batterer intervention programs/ corrections]; and 50 within each vulnerable/marginalized population [Indigenous, immigrant/refugee, children exposed to domestic violence, and rural/remote/northern ). An interview protocol and guide have been developed. Pilot interviews were conducted in February. Research Assistants received preliminary training at the Student Meeting held in October in London. Further training will be conducted via webinar in May. Interviews will begin in June.

## Collaborator Profile



**Josie Nepinak** is the Executive Director of Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society, the only aboriginal urban women's shelter in Alberta, and has a strong 25 year background steeped in complex, social issues working with Aboriginal organizations and advocating for aboriginal women and families affected by family violence. She has a degree in Women's Studies with a graduate studies in Management. Josie is Anishinabe from the treaty

four area and believes in a balanced approach, with teachings of Aboriginal wisdom and healing in combination with contemporary western methodologies in promoting the health and well-being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, families and communities. Josie brings focus, clarity, creativity and Inspiration to ensure Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society achieves results.

## Student Profile



Danielle Bader is a PhD student in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Guelph. Danielle received her B.A. in Criminology at York University (2009) and her M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy at the University of Guelph (2015). Her research focuses on social and legal responses to violence occurring within the context of intimate relationships. Her dissertation will examine how service providers assess and adapt safety planning strategies for women and children residing in rural, remote, and Northern jurisdictions in Canada. Danielle's Master's thesis was an evaluation of a sexual assault and domestic violence protocol implemented in Guelph-Wellington to improve the local response to violence against women. Her thesis was an

evaluation of the protocol from the service user perspective and examined whether the protocol improved women's experiences with service providers upon disclosure of violence, including conducting a risk assessment and safety planning. Danielle is a Research Assistant at the Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence at the University of Guelph. She is examining gendered differences in the number and types of charges laid in domestic violence incidents. Danielle works in the Rural, Remote and Northern research hub and will be conducting key informant interviews this summer as a follow-up to the online survey.

## Welcome to our new Project Members

**Circling Buffalo** - The Manitoba First Nations Board for Family Violence Prevention aims to empower their communities to build upon their strengths, communicate and network effectively, and provide prevention services through holistic, community-driven programming. This organization has a network of 63 First Nations of Manitoba and 4 First Nation shelters. We welcome Desirae Barker, Regional Coordinator, as the organization's representative. To learn more visit: [www.circlingbuffalo.ca](http://www.circlingbuffalo.ca)

**Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata** - operates 3 community care centres in Winnipeg where Indigenous families are accessing services which include emergency service resulting from domestic violence. They also operate the Spirit of Peace program which is an Indigenous led community-based family violence program for men, women and children. Diane Redsky, Executive Director, represents the agency on this project. To learn more visit: [www.mamawi.com](http://www.mamawi.com)

**Halifax Regional Police Service** – is responsible for policing the urban core of Halifax Regional Municipality. S/Sgt. R. Scott MacDonald is our representative on this project. To learn more visit: <http://www.halifax.ca/police/>

**Verona Singer, Ph.D** joins as a Collaborator. She has been manager of the Victim Services Unit with the Halifax Regional Police Service, and teaches part-time at Saint Mary's University. She is Vice President of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association and was recently appointed for a two year term to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

## Congratulations Jordan Fairbairn!

Jordan Fairbairn has been a Postdoctoral Fellow and National Research Coordinator with the CDHPVP project over the past two years.

She recently took time off to celebrate her new role as a parent. Jordan and her partner Christian are proud parents of Zoe, born February 5, 2017. Zoe, like her parents, is a proud Blue Jays fan.

Jordan has accepted a position at Kings University College, London, ON as Assistant Professor, Criminology. She will continue to work with us on the CDHPVP project in her new role as Collaborator.





8:30 - 10:30	<b>Traditional Opening Ceremonies:</b> Myrna Kicknosway and Liz Akiwenaie, Visiting Elders, Western University <b>Welcome—</b> Myrna Dawson and Peter Jaffe <b>Morning Plenary: Domestic Homicides—Voices of Survivors</b> Mariann Rich, sister of Shirley Parkinson Terri Brown Tahltan, sister of Ada Elaine Brown Maha El-Birani, Daughter of Sonia El-Birani				
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Break and Innovation Showcase</b>				
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Workshops</b> (choice of 10 workshops - 2 per stream)				
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12:00 - 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>				
1:00 - 2:00	<b>Workshops</b> (choice of 10 workshops – 2 per stream)				
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2:00 – 2:15	<b>Afternoon Break</b>				
2:15 – 3:15	<b>Workshops</b> (choice of 10 workshops – 2 per stream)				
	Indigenous populations	Immigrant and refugee populations	Rural remote and northern populations	Children exposed to violence	Domestic Homicides
3:15 – 4:45	<b>Afternoon Plenary – Safety planning with vulnerable populations</b> Jackie Campbell, Deborah Doherty, Sepali Guruge, Dawn Lavell-Harvard, Linda Baker				
4:45 – 6:00	<b>Poster Session and Cocktails</b>				

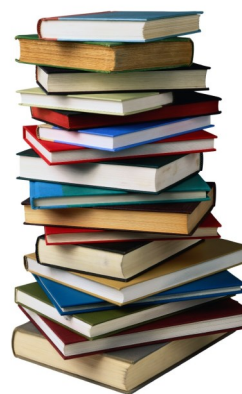
8:30 - 10:00	<b>Morning Plenary – Risk Assessment and Management with vulnerable populations</b> Zoe Hilton, Randy Kropp, Mohammed Baobaid, Justice Donna Martinson, Crystal Giesbrecht, Josie Nepinak				
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2:45 – 4:15	<b>Closing Plenary - Domestic Homicide Reviews – What have we learned?</b> Neil Websdale, Claudette Dumont-Smith, Tracey Porteous, Peter Jaffe				

## Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference #CDHPC17

The Call for Proposals has now closed and applicants will be receiving notifications of acceptance shortly. Guest speakers have been identified and selected for all plenary presentations.

The conference will feature:

- 4 plenary sessions
- 60 workshops with presenters from across Canada and internationally
- **Healing Room** supported by Western University's Visiting Elders – Myrna Kicknosway and Liz Akiwenzie, as well as social workers from Family Services Thames Valley.
- **Innovation Showcase** (Exhibitors Hall) for partners, collaborators and others to feature resources related to key themes and topics. More information will be circulated shortly.
- **Book Store** - The Western University Bookstore will be onsite to sell books and publications from our speakers and related to conference themes.
- **Poster Session** on Wednesday, October 18th in the afternoon after the afternoon plenary. Join us for a social time and chance to interact with our presenters.



**A Conference for Practitioners,  
Researchers, Policy Makers,  
Advocates, Coroners, Health &  
Justice Professionals**



**Mid-Term Partnership Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
Double Tree Hilton Hotel, London, ON**

All partners, collaborators, co-investigators, research assistants and students are invited to attend this meeting. Project staff will be connecting with each of you to confirm attendance, accommodation needs, etc.



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