CDHPIVP Project Update

Knowledge Sharing: Global Perspectives

Myrna Dawson and Peter Jaffe were invited to the 3rd International conference on addressing filicide: Building bridges of knowledge to intervention models for combatting filicide, Monash Centre, Prato, Italy, June 14-15, 2017 where they offered a keynote: Paternal filicide & domestic violence: The need for risk assessment, safety planning and risk management to protect children. For information about the conference: www.addressingfilicide.com

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Myrna and Peter enjoyed dinner with partners and other dignitaries at the Prato conference.
Left to right: Russell Wate, UK; Trevor Spratt, Ireland; Myrna Dawson, Deb Reitzel-Jaffe, Gord Hovey, Peter Jaffe, Peter Sidebotham, UK; Danielle Tyson, Australia; Una Butler, Ireland.
1. Domestic Homicide Database
We continue to pursue 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.

3320
Homicides in Canada reported by Statistics Canada from 2010-2015

579
Court and media domestic homicide files identified to date for coding

Data to be retrieved from coroners’ files

2. National Online Survey
A national online survey regarding risk assessment, risk management and safety planning practices, particularly with vulnerable populations was conducted from January to May, 2017. Survey respondents were invited to volunteer to participate in key informant interviews at a later date.

1405
survey respondents

490
volunteered to participate in interviews

3. Key Informant Interviews
Key Informant Interviews are being conducted to learn about risk assessment, risk management and safety planning practices particularly with Indigenous, Immigrant, Rural, remote & northern populations, and children exposed to domestic violence.

Goal

200
Interviews

140
Interviews completed to date

15
Students & Research Assistants conducting interviews
Knowledge Mobilization

Featuring some recent publications from our co-investigators, partners and collaborators related to domestic homicide and domestic violence research:

**Domestic Homicides and Death Reviews: An International Perspective.** Edited by Myrna Dawson. (2017)
An edited collection highlighting international research on domestic homicides and death reviews. Includes chapter contributions from Peter Jaffe, CDHPI student research assistants and Jordan Fairbairn.

An edited collection describing service innovations across systems in urban, rural and remote contexts. Contributions from Deborah Doherty, Diane Crocker, Verona Singer, and Randal David.

An edited collection with contributions from Zoe Hilton, Peter Jaffe, Kay Reif, and Jordan Fairbairn.


Mid-term Partnership meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Queen Victoria Room,
DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, 300 King St; London, ON

We are approaching the mid-point of this five-year project. We look forward to sharing progress, working together through challenges, and planning future research at this meeting.

**Agenda**

8:00—9:00 Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 Opening Ceremony and Introductions
9:30 - 10:15 Overview and updates - Peter Jaffe and Myrna Dawson
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 12:00 Group brainstorming activities and report back
12:00 -1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 1:20 Phase 3 - introduction and challenges to implementation - Myrna
1:20 - 2:40 Lessons learned from multi-site homicide study – Jackie Campbell
2:40 – 3:30 Small group discussion
3:30 - 4:00 Partners and Collaborators – Promising practices and updates

Dinner to follow. Please RSVP to crevawc@uwo.ca
Collaborator Profile

Crystal Giesbrecht lives in Regina, Saskatchewan and is the Director of Research and Communications at the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan (PATHS), the member association for 21 domestic violence shelters and counselling centres. PATHS regularly collaborates with partners in Saskatchewan and across Canada on violence prevention initiatives. Crystal’s work at PATHS includes conducting community-based research and educating member agency staff, professionals, and the public on current best practices for supporting survivors of intimate partner violence, including risk assessment using the ODARA. Crystal is a Registered Social Worker and holds a BA (Hons. in Psychology), BSW, and MSW from the University of Regina and is studying for Graduate Certificate in Forensic Practice. She has also worked as a Domestic Violence Counsellor (casual) at a women’s shelter and as a Sessional Lecturer in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Regina. Crystal volunteers her time as an Amnesty International Fieldworker and enjoys kayaking, hiking, and generally spending time outdoors (during the summer).

Student Profile

Laura Olszowy is a doctoral student in School and Applied Child Psychology at Western University under the supervision of Dr. Peter Jaffe. Previously, she completed a M.A. in Counselling Psychology and a B.A. in Psychology and Sociocultural Anthropology, both at Western University. Broadly, her research has focused on the intervention and prevention of domestic violence. Her doctoral research focuses on the challenges that child protection workers face in assessing and managing risk, and planning for safety in the lives of children and families impacted by domestic violence. Her clinical experiences in the social service and education sectors have illuminated the key role that community collaborations have in providing support to those impacted by domestic violence. Together, her research and clinical experiences have furthered her passion to raise awareness on this topic. Laura has contributed to the systematic literature review and is currently conducting key informant interviews, with a focus on child protection workers.
October 18-19, 2017

Full conference program is now available on our website:
http://www.cdhpi.ca/conference-program

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