



**Community Action, Research & Education Grants Program (CARE)
2005-2006 Grant Recipients**

Carrier Sekani Family Services, Prince George, BC

\$7,500

Project Title: Skak Ha Dees T'iah (Children are Precious): Preventing Abuse through the Strengthening the Roles of Fathers

Synopsis: Project will work with elders and young fathers to determine the role of men in child rearing. The project will discuss challenges and obstacles that new fathers face resulting in anxiety and often violence. The research will result in a guide that can be used to prepare young parents for their role as parents.

Calgary Counselling Centre, Calgary, AB

\$2,900

Project Title: Understanding male Victims of Domestic Violence

Synopsis: Through the analysis of 8 transcribed interviews of men who have participated in the center's "A Turn for the Better Program", the project will provide qualitative analysis of interviews and the integration of quantitative data already collected. The project will provide new information to the field through the men's perception of their experiences and could provide some beginning direction for future planning and research.

Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre, Ottawa, ON

\$7,020

Project Title: Women Against Violence Education Project (WAVE)

Synopsis: The Centre has provided services to Rwandan immigrant and women since December 2005. Many of these women are experiencing emotional, economic and financial abuse. The proposed project will provide a safe, supportive environment to Rwandese women who are victims of the Rwandan genocide, war rape and torture. Women from Senegal, the Congo and Burundi also are involved in this program. Using an action research framework, the project will work with these women to identify issues and take action on methods of healing that are culturally appropriate.

Action Committee Against Violence, Calgary, AB

\$7,500

Project Title: Exploring the Impact of Strategic Restructuring in the Family Violence Sector

Synopsis: A comprehensive sector review was completed in 2004 in Calgary. Based on findings of this review, a framework was developed to explore the strategic restructuring of four agencies within the family violence sector within the city of Calgary. In January 2006, the four agencies came together and collectively became the "strategic alliance". This new structure will better position the four organizations to accomplish their missions and goals. The proposed project will support phase 1 of a 3 part project and serve as a foundation for developing the subsequent phases of the research project. The project will explore the process underpinning the strategic alliance process and develop explanations of the general principles, guidelines, and tools that will be used in the subsequent phases of the project.

Brenda Strafford Centre for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Calgary, AB

\$7,500

Project Title: The Effectiveness of Volunteer Programs in the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Synopsis: The project will conduct focus groups and a survey to measure the effectiveness of an existing volunteer program within the organization. This program provides supports in enhancing

quality of life for residents and their children at the shelter. Results will be used to improve the program and community partnerships.

Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre Inc., Pinawa, MB

\$7,500

Project Title: Sexual Assault Discussion Initiative

Synopsis: The project will review current workshops to determine if workshop objectives and content meeting learning outcomes in the new Manitoba physical education/health curriculum. Project will also revise current workshops in preparation for the new 2006/07 school year, research and purchase additional materials.

Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women, Inc., Prince Albert, SK

\$7,500

Project Title: Healing Journey

Synopsis: The Healing Journey project will conduct a longitudinal study of women who have experienced interpersonal violence (IVP). The project will conduct the study jointly in three provinces including three research/two sites. The goal of the project is to recruit 200 women per province who will be interviewed 7 times over 3.5 years. The study will use results to inform policy, improve services to women who have experienced IPV, advance research and increase awareness of women's experience and needs related to IPV. The overall project has received 1 million dollars from Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

The funds will be used to facilitate the interview process within the province. The province has a high percentage of aboriginal women who do not have access to a phone so there is a high priority for face to face interviews. The funding will cover the costs of travel, child care and other requirements of face to face interviews. The project will seek to reach hard to reach women.

Nova House, Selkirk, MB

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Alberta Council of Women's Shelter, Edmonton, AB

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