



**Community Action, Research & Education Grants Program (CARE)
2007-2008 Grant Recipients**

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Edmonton, AB **\$7,500**

Nova House, Selkirk, MB **\$7,500**

Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women, Prince Albert, SK **\$7,500**

Project Title: A Cost Benefit Study of Women with Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence

Summary: As a part of The Healing Journey, a 5 year longitudinal study of women who have experienced intimate partner violence, this project involves collaboration between the RESOLVE Research Network, the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Nova House and Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women. This part of the longitudinal study will focus on a cost benefit study of women who have experienced intimate partner violence. It will examine the varied costs to the social and healthcare systems and to the labour market incurred due to intimate partner violence. This research will be used to inform policy makers and funders about the systemic costs of violence and to encourage more preventative programs.

Alliance to End Violence, Calgary, AB **\$10,000**

Project Title: No Longer Silent: Understanding the Service Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Summary: Through qualitative interviews with individuals who have disabilities and have been abused at some point in their lives, this project will focus on the what types of programs and services would have addressed their needs more adequately. The feedback from individuals with disabilities will be used by the Persons with Disabilities Task Group in a community forum to create action plans to more effectively meet the needs of this group. Individuals with disabilities will be included in the community forum to ensure that their concerns are heard.

Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association, Calgary, AB **\$10,000**

Project Title: Pathway to Seeking Help: Effect of Culture on Adult Victims of Family Violence in the Chinese Community

Summary: This qualitative research project will examine how Chinese cultural beliefs and values influence Chinese women, who are victims of family violence, in making the decision to seek help or not to seek help, or when and how to seek help. In the long-term, it is expected that the research will result in improving service delivery of mainstream service providers by removing barriers to victims of family violence in the Chinese community. It is also expected the results of the research will be used to

develop an awareness campaign to increase help-seeking behaviour by Chinese women who are victims of family violence.

Laurel Centre, Winnipeg, MB

\$8,400

Project Title: Establishing a System of Program Impact Assessment

Summary: This project will address the capacity of the Laurel Centre to track the types and degree of changes experienced by women who participate in counseling services to resolve the long-term effects of childhood or adolescent sexual abuse. The research will result in the development of pre and post program assessment tools and the establishment of a computerized data collection system. The assessment tools and data collection system will be used to improve program delivery and meet requests by funders to provide evidence of outcomes.

Regina Transition Women's Society, Regina, SK

\$7,500

Project Title: Bridges of Hope Program Evaluation

Summary: This program evaluation will measure the program outcomes of the Bridges of Hope Outreach Program, a pilot project to provide continuing support for women and children who are between crisis shelter and other community services. Through the development of a logic model, qualitative interviews and focus groups the evaluation will determine if Bridges of Hope is making a difference in the lives of the women it serves. The research will also identify the aspects of the program that contribute to success and which aspects need improvement. The results of the research will be used to improve best practices for the Bridges of Hope outreach program and will be shared with other outreach programs in Saskatchewan.

Southwest Crisis Services, Swift Current, SK

\$10,000

Project Title: Southwest Crisis Services Child Outreach

Summary: The research will focus on assessing the viability of an in-house child outreach service. The project will include research into the community supports that could be available to the children, identify best practices and develop a protocol to meet the special needs of children from rural communities. It is expected that the research will result in the development of a program that will address the unique needs of rural families in southwest Saskatchewan.

The Winnipeg Children's Access Agency

\$7,300

Project Title: Families of Supervised Access – A Feasibility Study

Summary: This project will develop a program logic model to assist in the evaluation of the services provided by The Winnipeg Children's Access Agency. The research will also involve developing and testing an interview guide and determining a methodology for sampling and interviewing of the custodial parent, non-custodial parent and the child or children involved. It is expected that the results of this research will form the basis of a tri-provincial project that will assess supervised visitation and exchange programs in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta to determine the long-term effects of these services on relationships between children and parents.

Wolseley Family Place, Winnipeg, MB

\$6,000

Project Title: Facilitating the Evaluation of the New Realities Program

Summary: This project will develop a logic model and standardized measurement instruments that will be used to evaluate the New Realities Program, a unique program for families struggling with the interacting effects of addictions and domestic violence. The results of this project will contribute to a comprehensive outcome evaluation of New Realities that in the long-term will provide evidence to demonstrate program effectiveness and identify areas for program improvement.

TOTAL CARE Grants 2007-08

\$81,700

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