



Community Action, Research & Education Grants Program (CARE) 2009 Grant Recipients

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Edmonton, AB \$10,000

Project title: Trend Analysis in Alberta Shelters

Summary: The project will analyze the impact of socio-economic trends and patterns on demands for shelter services. This research will inform shelter practices in terms of providing services directly to women, and in terms of shelter collaboration with other stakeholders. Improvements in service delivery will ultimately lead to a safer world for women and children who are escaping abusive homes.

Alliance to End Violence Society of Calgary, Calgary, AB \$7050

Project title: From Isolation to Equality: Engaging Ethno-cultural Communities in Ending Family Violence

Summary: RESOLVE Alberta will conduct a literature review as well as an environmental scan of programs in North America to identify best practices in engaging ethno-cultural communities to address family violence. Like all women, immigrant women are at a high risk for domestic violence, but there are also unique vulnerabilities and they face additional barriers in leaving an abusive relationship. These women are often trapped in the cycle of violence because of their lack of understanding and awareness of Canadian laws and available services and resources. Comprehensive, coordinated and culturally appropriate strategies are required to reach out to and engage ethno-cultural communities and immigrant and visible minority women who are experiencing abuse.

First Nation Healing Centre, Koostatak, Manitoba \$8,525

Project title: An Evaluation of Client Satisfaction with Domestic Violence Group Programming

Summary: Given that programs have limited funding to address domestic violence, direct service provision becomes the priority, rather than evaluation of the programs. For reserve communities, this creates a context in which the need to provide a wider range of services with less funding results in a greater need to undertake program evaluation. "Healing Our Spirits" is a seven week residential program provided to women at the First Nations Healing Centre in Fisher River, Manitoba. The purpose of this research project is to evaluate women's satisfaction with the group programming provided by the staff of the centre. As part of this process, clients are requested to complete evaluation forms at the conclusion of their program.

Klinic Community Health Centre, Winnipeg, MB \$9,370

Project title: Consideration of Neuropsychological Impacts of Trauma in Family Violence Programming: Phase 1

Summary: The project is intended to answer the following research questions: What are the psychoneurological effects of trauma and how can knowledge of these effects be incorporated into family violence programming within community agencies? To answer these questions, the project will review the literature on the effect that trauma has on the brain and the subsequent psychological and behavioural impacts. From this review, an annotated bibliography and a summary paper will be developed. The summary paper will consist of a review of the literature

and recommendations for how this knowledge can be incorporated into family violence programming. Given the technical nature of this literature, the paper will be written using language that is more accessible to service providers from a wide variety of fields.

Nova House, Selkirk, MB

\$7,525

Project title: Data Management and Analysis for the Healing Journey

Summary: This project involves data management and analysis of a longitudinal data set. It is intended to answer the question: How will community partners and researchers ensure that the extensive data generated by The Healing Journey Longitudinal Study will continue to be managed and analyzed after the study ends?

Peace River Regional Women’s Shelter Society, Peace River, AB

\$7500

Project title: Surviving Intimate Partner Violence with Limited Community Services: A Longitudinal Analysis

Summary: The purpose of this project is to conduct a longitudinal analysis of the process of surviving intimate partner violence when community services are limited. Our research question is: “What are the consequences of intimate partner violence over time in relation to steps taken by the survivors, including accessing available community services?” This project is a component of a large, longitudinal study of women who have experienced intimate partner violence, the Healing Journey study, which entails collaboration among community agencies serving women who have experienced intimate partner violence, academic researchers, and the three RESOLVE Centers.

**Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan
Regina, SK**

\$9998

Project title: Identifying Best Policies and Practices to Safely House Abused and Homeless Women in Saskatchewan

Summary: The research question being answered is, “What are the best policies and practices to safely house women who have experienced abuse and homelessness?” We will interview 25 women in selected sites across Saskatchewan. These interviews will compliment interviews already completed in Regina. We will ask questions pertaining to women’s experiences with abuse and their experience in attempting to access safe and appropriate housing when they leave a violent relationship.

Tamara’s House Services for Sexual Abuse Survivors Inc., Saskatoon, SK

\$7500

Project title: The Healing Journey: A Longitudinal Study of Women Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

Summary: The proposed CARE grant application is intended to support the cost of data analysis of survey results emerging from a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada - Community University Research Alliance (SSHRC-CURA) study occurring throughout the Prairie Provinces (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba). This SSHRC-CURA study, entitled *The Healing Journey: A Longitudinal Study of Women Affected by Intimate Partner Violence*, surveys approximately 600 women, 200 of whom reside in Saskatchewan, over 3.5 years (Fall 2005 through Winter 2009), with the aim of exploring women’s trajectories of experience and healing/change related to intimate partner violence.

WISH Inc. (Women in Second Stage Housing), Winnipeg, MB

\$9825

Project title: Voices of the Women of WISH: Analysis of Client Feedback

Summary: Through analysis of existing client feedback forms and interviews, this research project will address the question: *What does client feedback tell us about the effects of the WISH Second Stage Program in helping women reduce or eliminate the violence and abuse in their lives?* As part of the Agency's existing service monitoring and evaluation, we have clients complete a feedback form at the midway point of their program (6 months), at the end of their residential stay (12 months), and at the end of the follow-up program (18 months). Currently information from this feedback is regularly used to improve direct services offered to these clients. This research project would be the initial stage of research to identify a) potential effects of the program b) areas of improvement and development for program delivery and c) give direction for more planned long term evaluation.

Total CARE Grants for 2009

\$77,293