



RESOLVE Network Update



Healing Circles

Healing from Intimate Partner Violence: An Evaluation of an Intervention for Indigenous Mothers and Children Affected by Intimate Partner Violence

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Intimate partner violence (IPV) and the exposure of children to IPV are serious societal concerns. Nationally, there were about 78,000 female victims of IPV in 2011, representing a rate of 542 victims per 100,000 women aged 15 years and older. *Notably, Indigenous women in Canada are 4 times more likely to experience IPV than non-Indigenous women.* These inequities among Indigenous women and children need to be understood within a broad context of Canadian colonization and the intergenerational effects of the collective traumas experienced by previous generations of families and communities. The negative impacts of IPV for women and their children have been well documented. Women survivors of IPV are at elevated risk for a variety of physical and psychological problems which may also impact their parenting. [Read more.](#)

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Alliance Against Violence & Adversity (AVA) Health Research Training Platform Update



February 2023 marks the first anniversary of the AVA HRTTP after being awarded \$2.55 million (2022-2028) by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) to create the capacity to transform community health and social

services to promote health and wellness of girls, women, and gender-diverse people at risk or affected by violence and adversity over the lifecycle.

During AVA's first year's working groups, workshops, and committee meetings, people with lived experience, community agency staff, and university academics from across Canada (a total of 180+ members) helped the AVA Team begin to develop the programs that were outlined in the AVA CIHR grant proposal. [Read more.](#)

RESOLVE Tri-Provincial Project Updates

Examining the Nature & Context of IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities

RESOLVE's tri-provincial study entitled: *Examining the Nature & Context of IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities* was recently completed in the fall of 2022. Project documents and information (including the [final report](#), [research summary](#), and briefs for researchers, [policy makers](#), and [service providers](#)) can be found on the RESOLVE website. The project results were also featured in an Xtra Magazine article, which can be found on the Xtra Magazine [website](#).

RESOLVE hosted a webinar in the fall of 2022 that provided an overview of the research study, *Examining the Nature & Context of IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities*. The presenters discussed the background of the study and methodology, findings, and provided specific examination of transgender and gender nonconforming experiences of IPV and barriers to help-seeking. An overview of available resources for 2SLGBTQ+ survivors at Rainbow Resource Centre were also discussed. The webinar recording may be accessed [here](#).

Attachment and Child Health (ATTACH™)

The Attachment and Child Health (ATTACH™) psychoeducational program co-created by Drs, Nicole Letourneau and Martha Hart is designed for families affected by toxic stress

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of ATTACH™ with improvements in parental reflective functioning, security of children's attachment to their parents, parent-child relationship quality, maternal executive function, children's development and behaviour, and mother/child immune cell gene expression. [Read more.](#)

[Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies](#)

We finalized the project, [Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies](#) last fall. Since then, we have been engaged in several knowledge-sharing activities. We have presented the GIS Story Map at GIS-related conferences at the Annual Manitoba GIS User Group Conference and GIS Days Conference organized by Western University in cooperation with the University of Manitoba. We also participated in an interview with [CBC Radio Noon](#) about the results of the research. In addition, we plan to present the outcomes of our research at the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Conference as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, *Reckonings and Re-Imaginings* for a session *Beyond the Right to be Rural* on May 30, 2023.

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RESOLVE Alberta Update



Stardale Women's Group & RESOLVE Alberta: Supporting Indigenous Girls' Mental Health

For more than twenty-five years, Stardale Women's Group has *"empowered the lives of Indigenous girls, strengthened their families, and inspired communities to engage in the*

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education, and research. Additionally, from drumming performances to mentorship and educational services to creating and presenting films or facilitating other artistic projects, Stardale programs support and empower young Indigenous women directly to tell their stories from a place of resilience and connection to a supportive community. [Read more.](#)

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RESOLVE Manitoba Update



RESOLVE Manitoba Project Updates

Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law (FVFL) Proceedings

A number of events have taken place as part of the FVFL project (also known as the “Community of Practice Project”). Alongside educational webinars hosted by project partners across Canada, the Manitoba Community of Practice hosted a webinar titled *Substance Use Coercion and IPV Survivors in Family Court*, featuring speakers Carole Warshaw (Director, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health), Breena Murray (Patersons LLP), and Colleen Allan (St. Raphael Wellness Centre). The [webinar recording](#) and information can be found on the RESOLVE website. The Manitoba Community of Practice will be hosting another webinar examining the impacts of traumatic brain injury on IPV survivors in the court systems this spring. Registration for the webinar can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 and the Experiences of IPV Survivors and Service Providers

RESOLVE researchers are currently analyzing data for a project entitled: *COVID-19 and the Experiences of IPV Survivors and Service Providers*. The project’s aim is to assess how pandemics, such as COVID-19, impact experiences of IPV for both IPV survivors and the organizations that serve them. Data analysis is expected to be completed this spring, with the final report following shortly after in the summer.

The project aims to examine RESOLVE's capacity to conduct community-engaged Indigenous research and develop our current capacity. Given the recent Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the Murder and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry's Calls to Justice, any research relating to issues of family violence and gender-based violence must be conducted in a way that is methodologically sound and inclusive of Indigenous ways of knowing, being, doing, and caring. We have hired a consultant, Nicole Klymochko (MSW), to continue working on the project together with RESOLVE Research Associate, Dr. Masha Kardashevskaya.

New Proposal Development "Improving Shelter Experience for Indigenous Women"

RESOLVE Manitoba has submitted a proposal with a community partner, Circling Buffalo Inc., in response to Women and Gender Equality Canada's (WAGE) call for proposals, *Address GBV through Promising Practices and Community-based Research*. Circling Buffalo Inc. prioritizes 63 First Nations in Manitoba and works to empower Indigenous communities and provide violence prevention services through holistic, community-driven programming. The research project we proposed aims to contribute to our understanding of Indigenous women's experiences seeking help in Indigenous and non-Indigenous-led women's shelters.

RESOLVE Manitoba Welcomes Research Coordinator, Erin Gobert



Erin Gobert is a student in the Master of Human Rights program in the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. She joined RESOLVE Manitoba in October 2022 as a Research Coordinator. Erin is currently working on her master's thesis that looks at reproductive healthcare access in rural, remote, and Northern communities in Manitoba. Her research interests include reproductive justice, gender-based violence, and social and health policy.

RESOLVE Manitoba's Impact Report

RESOLVE Manitoba's 2021 Impact Report will soon be available online, we are currently in the process of finalizing the report. The Impact Report will offer an overview of RESOLVE's achievements over the course of 2021. The impact report highlights staff engagement, funding initiatives, research interviews, partnerships, scholarship recipients, and knowledge sharing initiatives. Throughout 2021, RESOLVE Manitoba has maintained ongoing communication with funders, professionals, survivors, partner organizations, and

Farewell to Steering Committee Member

RESOLVE Manitoba says farewell to long-time Steering Committee member, Dr. Joan Durrant and thanks her for her commitment, dedication, and many years of service to RESOLVE Manitoba and the Network. We wish Joan the best and a very happy retirement.

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RESOLVE Saskatchewan Update

Indigenous Intercultural Skills for Clinicians: Placing Yourself in Relational Context to Enhance Your Professional Practice

RESOLVE SK is proud to be promoting this immersive retreat developed with Indigenous helping professionals. The program will begin with a weekend retreat at Wanuskewin where participants will explore how to reduce barriers for Indigenous clients, families, and communities in accessing mental health services. It is designed to help participants create a safe space within their practice for Indigenous clients, families, and communities and will ask participants to engage in applied learning that will challenge them to explore how their own experiences, social context, and personal histories influence their practice as a mental health clinician.

This program is the first in a series of professional development offerings for mental health clinicians to develop Indigenous intercultural skills.

This program will take place May 27-June 19, 2023. Early bird registration will be available until April 30th while regular registration begins May 1st. Registration closes May 15th. More information, including pricing and a link to register, can be found on the [RESOLVE SK website](#).



Learn More About Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities

This summer, OUTSaskatoon will be hosting workshops for those interested in learning more about GBV and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals. The first workshop will discuss the issue from a service provision perspective while the second will be more focused on communities.

Workshop Dates:

- GBV 101 for service providers: June 7, 2023, at 3:30 pm CST
- GBV in the queer community: June 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm CST

In the meantime, the RESOLVE Network has recently completed the tri-provincial study, *Examining the Nature & Context of IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities*. If you're in Saskatchewan and are interested in learning more about the unique considerations that should be made when supporting members of 2SLGBTQ+ communities experiencing violence, the summary report and associated policy briefs can be found on the [RESOLVE SK website](#).

Learning is Healing: Saskatchewan Sexual Violence Education Initiative

Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan (SASS) partnered with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) and Community Institute for Social Research (CUISR) to research the sexual violence educational needs in Saskatchewan. The findings revealed that there are many barriers and gaps in sexual violence education, with one of the most significant issues being that existing education is not specific to the province and does not reflect the unique demographics of the individuals who live here, especially in rural and remote communities.

A community report that speaks to the importance of Reparative Education and provides a framework for the next steps to be taken can be found on the [SASS website](#).

Jo-Anne Dusel Recognized with RESOLVE Award

Jo-Anne Dusel received the RESOLVE Saskatchewan Excellence in Community Service and Research Award at this past fall's PATHS Conference, *Regrouping and Recharging*:

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The award was established in 2015 to showcase the outstanding contributions of community members. Jo-Anne had initially been chosen in 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, could not be presented with the award until the PATHS 2022 Conference.

Jo-Anne was selected because of her life-long commitment to working to end violence against women by advocating for change directed at policy, education, and direct services. After over twenty years working with the Moose Jaw Transition House, in 2014 Jo-Anne became Executive Director of PATHS, providing support and guidance to the 23-member domestic violence shelters and agencies along with related organizations and services throughout the province. She has enabled significant change at the practice level and at the structural level and is often consulted by the media on issues related to IPV.

Through collaborations and consultations with people of all backgrounds in ways that always place survivors at the centre, Jo-Anne continues to impact on the lives of those who have experienced violence throughout Saskatchewan. Congratulations, Jo-Anne!

RESOLVE SK at the PATHS 2022 Conference



Three RESOLVE SK projects were shared at the past 2022 PATHS Conference, *Regrouping and Recharging: Gathering to Create Sustainable Change*, in Regina, SK.

The first project shared had been the **Three Videos Project: Promoting Indigenous Approaches to Violence Prevention**. Jonathan Ballantyne and Bernadette Hillier of Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation

Health Services gave a presentation discussing the creation of three video resources to be used in men's violence prevention groups. These videos feature survivors, Elders, and community members and provide an opportunity to share traditional knowledge about healthy families and discuss the role of men as protectors within Indigenous communities. This project was funded by an SHRF Truth and Action: Research Connections grant. [Read more.](#)

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Prairieaction Foundation



Prairieaction Foundation (PAF) is pleased to announce that we are accepting Letter of Intent (LOIs) for the [CARE Grant Program](#). The CARE Grant program funds action-oriented research driven by the community that leads to new initiatives to address violence and abuse or that makes recommendations for actions and effective strategies for improved outcomes to alleviate and prevent violence and abuse.

*PAF funding is for research purposes only, not for operational or administrative costs for community-based organization or partner academic institutions.

- Deadline for Letter of Intent is May 15, 2023
- Applicants must hold a registered charitable number to be considered for funding.

[Education and Awareness](#) grants are accepted year-round. These grants aim to increase knowledge and understanding about violence and abuse, and to promote awareness and discussions in the community.

For more information on CARE and Education and Awareness grants, please visit the Prairieaction Foundation [website](#).

Upcoming Events

RESOLVE Manitoba is hosting an upcoming webinar: *Traumatic Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence: Challenges for Survivors Involved in the Family Court System*.

Date: April 3, 2023 | Time: 1:00-2:30 CDT | Location: Zoom | [Register](#)



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