

ANNUAL REPORT

LEARNING TO END ABUSE

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APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2021

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Our Centre began as a 5-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant in 1993, when the Canadian Government established 5 Centres of Excellence across the country for applied research on violence against women and children. Now 28 years later, we are thriving because of our incredible staff, students, and community partners. We continue to work on several major grants that have allowed us to take our work to national and international stages. Funding from the SSHRC, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), the Federal Labour Program, and Women and Gender Equality Canada, has allowed us to enhance efforts to prevent domestic homicides on a national level, focus on violence and abuse within marginalized populations, explore the importance of trauma- and violence-informed interventions for survivors of abuse, and understand and learn about the role of workplaces in addressing domestic violence. We are grateful for our many partners in the London community, and our alliance with survivors, advocates, researchers, and policy makers in other provinces and countries. All our efforts remain focused on the same vision: a commitment to the development and application of knowledge on the prevention of violence against women and children through the promotion of innovation, collaborative relationships, and equality. This annual report highlights our efforts in 2020-2021 as reflected through various activities, grants and publications. We acknowledge the support of our partners, the members of our Management and Advisory Committees, research associates, funders, and our extended family in the Faculty of Education. As Centre Directors, we appreciate the generous support of Western University that has helped to make the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children sustainable and a model for similar centres around the world.

Our work would not be possible without the voices of survivors.

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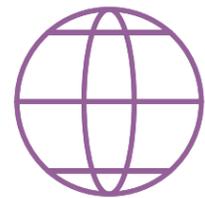
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KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

EXTENDING OUR IMPACT



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Websites



537,102

Websites Visits



22,913

Online Followers



1,915,356

People Reached through Social Media



34,172

Email Subscribers



85

Knowledge Translation Events



30,189

Knowledge Translation Event Participants



12,499

Online training participants



174

Media Appearances (in the news)



7,162,603

Number of Resources Distributed

AWARDS

FOR STUDIES IN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN



H el ene Bigras-Dutrisac
Elisabeth Steel Reurink Award

H el ene Bigras-Dutrisac is currently completing the Master of Media in Journalism and Communication program at Western University. She also works as a research assistant for the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children and is interning at the Canadian Journalism Forum for Violence and Trauma. She holds an MA from Western's department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies and the collaborative Transitional Justice and Post-conflict Reconstruction program. She spends most of her free time in the kitchen, either cooking or feeding her voracious cats.



Alexis Winfield
Scotiabank Graduate Award

Alexis Winfield has recently earned her Master's of Arts in Counselling Psychology degree at Western University. Alexis has always been passionate about making a difference in the lives of women and children that have experienced violence. When she was introduced to the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children (CREVAWC), she was immediately drawn to its work. The opportunity to influence change at the research level spoke to her. As Alexis looks towards the future, she hopes to continue to be a passionate advocate for women, children, and vulnerable populations as a whole.



Lina Saadeddin
Scotiabank Graduate Award

Lina is completing her MA in the Counselling Psychology Program at Western University. She values the diversity of our communities and love to highlight the strengths of individuals from different groups, especially those of minorities. Her research interests pertain to the resilience of newcomer children and youth and providing accessible services for them and their families. She works from an anti-oppressive, trauma-informed and strength-based perspective in my practices. She plans to work as a psychotherapist (qualifying) in London Ontario, Canada in the future.

EVERYDAY HEROES

To recognize women or men who through their ideas, effort and dedication are making a difference in the lives of other people. They are people who don't go looking for attention, but who deserve appreciation. These Everyday Heroes helped many others as they waged their own struggles.



Sharon Scrimshaw (Chapman)

Sexual Harassment Survivor & Advocate

Sharon endured 13 years of sexual harassment and sexual assault at her job. Filing complaints escalated the harassment. She quit to fight on uncharted legal ground. 7 years later a lawsuit settlement recognized the harm she experienced. She considers her refusal to sign a gag order to prevent her from speaking out, as her greatest victory.



The Family of Sexual Harassment Victim Theresa Vince

Activists & Change Makers

Theresa Vince was killed by her supervisor, who was sexually harassing her. Her family poured their grief into efforts to make change. Their efforts culminated in the passing of legislation to recognize harassment and domestic violence as workplace hazards in Ontario's Occupational Health & Safety Act.



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Including East, West, North and South of Canada, California, Baltimore, Washington, and Florida; Singapore, India, Sweden, France, Bolivia and Peru.

PROJECTS AT
THE CENTRE

RESEARCH GRANTS, PROJECTS & CONTRACTS

- Women's Issues, Government of Ontario
The Learning Network
Neighbours Friends And Families
Responding To Disclosures Of Sexual Violence On Campuses
- Public Health Agency of Canada, Government of Canada
Knowledge Hub
Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations
Culturally Integrative Responses to Family Violence
- Labour Program, ESDC, Government of Canada
Research & Training For Marginalized Workers Experiencing Sexual Violence
Collaborating To Address Domestic Violence In The Workplace
- Department of Justice, Government of Canada
A Model for Police Services becoming Trauma and Violence-Informed
Research Consultation & Collaboration to Provide Legal Resources & Supports for
Workplace Harassment
- Women and Gender Equality, Government of Canada
Collaborative Development & Assessment of Canadian Core Competencies for
Gender Based Violence Specialists
Environmental Scan of Equality-Seeking Organizations
Nova Scotia Domestic Violence Systems Mapping for Men's Helplines
- Canada Research Chairs
Enhance child health and well-being by reducing violence in family relationships



**RECOGNIZING CRITICAL EXPERTISE
IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WORK**

**ADDRESSING DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE
THROUGH COLLABORATION**
DV@WORK

RESPECT
at work survey



**Research on the Nova Scotia
Men's Helpline**

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

Start date: January 1, 2021

Enhance child health and well-being by reducing violence in family relationships.

Dr. Katreena Scott

Dr. Katreena Scott became a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair on Jan. 1, 2021. As part of her research, Dr. Scott will examine how to reduce family violence to enhance child health and well-being.

In particular, her research addresses violence perpetrated by men and fathers. Using a variety of research methods, Dr. Scott aims to promote safety for children in high-risk families, including understanding the role fathers play in child development and developing interventions for high-risk families.

In addition, working collaboratively to improve responses to domestic violence, Dr. Scott will examine how the police respond, create interventions as well as change in how organizations respond to workplace violence. Lessons will also be developed to learn from tragedies.

Finally, recognizing and responding to maltreated children within educational settings will also be a focus for Dr. Scott. She will implement research to train teachers on how to manage and remediate child behaviour problems.

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CREVAWC Operating Account

From May 1st, 2020 to April 30, 2021

Sources of Funds

Western University	\$55,000
Training and consultation work	\$173,141
WAGE transfer from Research	\$ 22,575
Admin Recovery from projects	\$38,157
Salary & Benefit Recovery	\$106,876
Donations	\$850
Travel Recovery	
Services & Other	

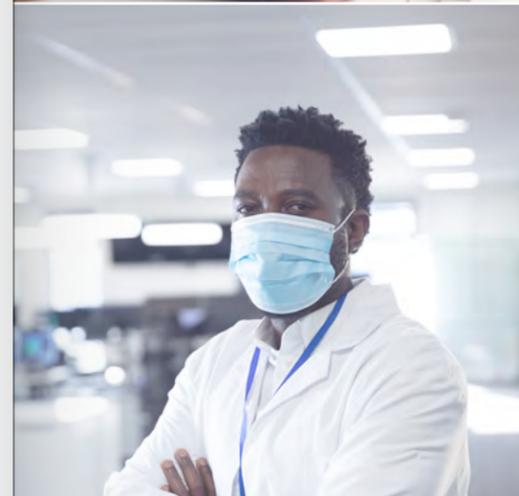
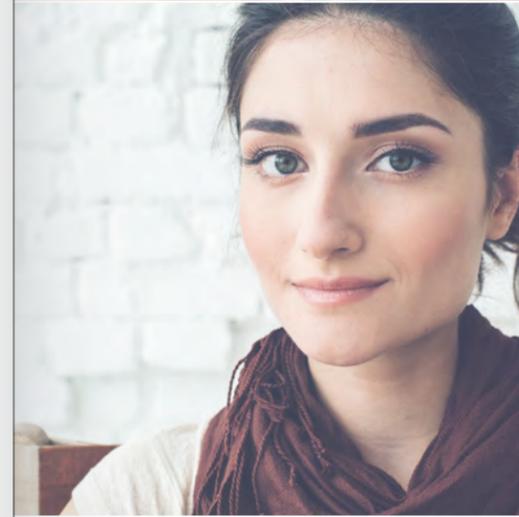
Total Revenue **\$396,599**

Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits (Operational)	\$ 174,017
Professional Fees	\$ 111,324
Materials, Supplies & Equipment	\$62,852
Travel	\$312

Total Expenses **\$348,504**

Excess Revenue over Expenses for the year **\$48,095**



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