

Children Exposed to Domestic Violence:

Reducing Harm and Preventing Tragedies

*Marconi Club, 120 Clarke Rd, London, ON
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London Coordinating Committee
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Agenda

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8:00 - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:30 - 10:00am	<i>Part 1: Risk Factors & Potential Tools</i> Understanding risk factors that endanger children's physical and psychological wellbeing <i>Traditional Opening:</i> Gloria Alvernaz-Mulcahy, Ontario Native Women's Association <i>Setting the Stage:</i> Peter Jaffe, Academic Director, Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children, Faculty of Education, Western University <i>Chair:</i> Myrna Dawson, Canada Research Chair in Public Policy in Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Guelph <i>Presenters:</i> Katreena Scott, Associate Professor & Canada Research Chair, OISE. <i>Identifying the risk factors that should inform assessment practices</i> Linda Baker, Learning Network, Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children. <i>How supporting adult victims of domestic violence mitigates risks to children</i> Angelique Jenney, Director of Family Violence Services for the Child Development Institute, University of Toronto. <i>Utilizing knowledge on protective factors for children to promote resilience and recovery from trauma</i> Small Group Discussion
10:00 - 10:30am	Break
10:30 - 12:00pm	Risk Assessment Strategies and Tools <i>Chair:</i> Myrna Dawson, Canada Research Chair in Public Policy in Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Guelph <i>Presenters:</i> Peter Jaffe, Academic Director, Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children, Faculty of Education, Western University. <i>Lessons Learned about the need for risk assessment strategies from Domestic Homicides: the Ontario Experience</i> Maddie Bell, Barnardo's, Northern Ireland and London. <i>Promising Practices from the UK: The Domestic Violence Risk Identification Matrix - a multi-agency child-focused risk indicator tool</i> Small Group Discussion
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch and Networking Break

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Part 2: Promising Practices for Community & Court Interventions to Promote Safety and Manage Risk

1:00 - 2:30pm

Engaging fathers for accountability and appropriate intervention programs: Addressing a major gap in our work

Chair:

Katreena Scott, Associate Professor & Canada Research Chair, OISE

Presenters:

Susan Strega, Human and Social Development, School of Social Work, University of Victoria. *Child Safety in the context of Domestic Violence: What about the fathers?*

Tim Kelly, Executive Director, Changing Ways, London, ON & **Lisa Heslop**, Family Consultants, London Police Service. *Promising practices in reaching out to domestic violence perpetrators*

Deborah Sinclair, Consultant, Private Practice & **Lisa Tomlinson**, Toronto Children's Aid Society. *Making fathers visible in CAS-VAW collaboration*

Small Group Discussion

2:30 - 3:00pm

Break

3:00 - 4:30pm

Collaboration with the Justice System - Key strategies for risk management & protecting children and adult victims

Chair:

Katreena Scott, Associate Professor & Canada Research Chair, OISE

Presenters:

Rachel Birnbaum, Professor of Social Work, Kings College University. *Promising practices in the family justice system response to children living with domestic violence*

Pam Cross, Lawyer, Consultant. *Strategies to address the policy and practice gaps between criminal and family justice systems*

D/Sgt Kelly Grubb, OPP Criminal Behaviour Analysis Unit. *Police response to children living with domestic violence: Challenges in coordination of criminal and family court proceedings*

Peter Jaffe, Academic Director, Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children, Faculty of Education. *Promoting differentiated custody and access arrangements for children in the context of domestic violence*

Small Group Discussion

4:30 - 4:45pm

Wrap-up and Final Reflections

Presenters:

Peter Jaffe, Academic Director, Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children, Faculty of Education, Western University.

Angelique Jenney, Director of Family Violence Services for the Child Development Institute, University of Toronto.

Katreena Scott, Associate Professor & Canada Research Chair, OISE

Speaker Biographies

Linda Baker

Dr. Baker is the Director of the Learning Network, a provincial knowledge mobilization initiative in the Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children at Western University, that promotes the effectiveness and reach of public and professional education on violence against women and children. She served for ten years as the Director of the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System, a children's mental health centre specializing in issues that bring families into the justice system. She has co-authored numerous resources and extensively facilitated workshops on understanding and supporting children exposed to woman abuse and on the experience of mothering within the context of domestic violence.

Maddie Bell

Since 2003 Maddie has continued to develop Barnardo's Domestic Violence Risk Assessment including the creation of the multi-agency risk identification matrix in partnership with local Social Care Trusts. In 2007, she was seconded to work with the London Safeguarding Children's Board to implement the Domestic Violence Multi-Agency Risk Identification Matrix (DVRIM) across London Boroughs, supported by a new procedure 'Safeguarding Children Abused through Domestic Violence'. Maddie currently works with social work teams in Northern Ireland, supported by the NI Children's Safeguarding Board, to revise the Domestic Violence Risk Assessment to ensure it supports a new social work child assessment framework.

Rachel Birnbaum

Rachel teaches in the area of children and families and on the intersection between law and social work at the School of Social Work, Kings University College, London, ON. She is cross appointed with Childhood & Social Institutions (Interdisciplinary programs). Rachel has over 20 years of clinical practice experience working with children and families of separation and/or divorce, specifically focused on high conflict families. She has presented and published both nationally and internationally on child custody and access assessments, child legal representation, children's participation in family disputes, and access to justice issues. Her research is interdisciplinary and collaborative with colleagues in law, medicine, psychology and social work. Rachel has co-authored several books regarding separation and/or divorce, on research methodologies and authored several Department of Justice papers on children's participation during parental breakdown.

Speaker Biographies

Pamela Cross

Pamela Cross is a feminist lawyer who works as a consultant in the area of women's equality, violence against women and the law. Her present work is primarily in the area of legal training and education. Working with Luke's Place Support and Resource Centre for Women, she leads the provincial training initiative for Family Court Support Workers. She is also a member of the teaching faculty with the National Judicial Institute and provides online legal training to community frontline workers with Springtide Resources. Pamela has just completed a project with the Law Commission of Ontario developing a framework for teaching about violence against women in law schools.

D/Sgt Kelly Grubb

Detective Sergeant Kelly Grubb of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has his Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Studies from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. He joined the OPP in 1992 and was stationed at Bracebridge Detachment in Muskoka, working uniformed general law enforcement. He was soon assigned to the Muskoka Crime Unit and worked as a Detective Constable for five years and then supervised that Unit for an additional year. In January of 2002, he was promoted to Sergeant at the Huntsville Detachment. In July of 2003, Detective Sergeant Grubb joined the OPP Threat Assessment Unit (now called the Criminal Behaviour Analysis Unit-Threat Assessment) which is located within Behavioural Sciences and Analysis Section and Investigation and Support Bureau at OPP General Headquarters in Orillia, Ontario.

Lisa Heslop

Lisa Heslop is the Supervisor of the Family Consultant/Victim Services unit of the London Police Service where she has worked for the past 25 years. Her work with the unit includes supervision of the unit's clinical staff, program development, public education and research. Lisa is active in community development and sits on numerous boards and committees.

Peter Jaffe

Peter Jaffe is a Professor in the Faculty of Education at Western University and Academic Director of the Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children. He is also the Director Emeritus for the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System, a children's mental health centre specializing in issues that bring children and families into the justice system. Between 1991 and 1993, he served as a member of the Canadian Panel on Violence against Women, a federally appointed committee whose final report heightened public awareness of the problem and outlined prevention strategies. He has written extensively about community responses to children of domestic violence victims. He has testified in 3 inquests into domestic homicide and is founding member of Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

Speaker Biographies

Angelique Jenney

Angelique Jenney, PhD, RSW is the Director of Family Violence Services for Child Development Institute, a multi-service child and family agency in Toronto. She also holds an Assistant Professor (Status-Only) position at the University of Toronto and is a sessional course instructor. Dr. Jenney has over 18 years of experience in intervention and prevention services within the violence against women sector, and children's mental health services. Dr. Jenney's research and program development has been devoted to understanding and responding to the impact of violence in families. Her research and practice interests include: family-based interventions for childhood trauma; the experience of mothering in the context of violence/trauma; and child protection responses to family violence cases. She regularly promotes knowledge translation and exchange through her international consulting work and conference presentations.

Tim Kelly

Tim Kelly, HBSW RSW is the Executive Director of Changing Ways. He has spoken nationally and internationally on issues related to men's violence against women and children, including accountability and the collective role men play in ending violence and community collaborations. His clinical interest has turned to working with maltreating fathers and has been instrumental in the development of an intervention program which focuses on abusive fathers called "Caring Dad's: Helping Fathers Value Their Children." He has conducted numerous presentations, workshops and training seminars examining strategies for working with high risk fathers. Currently, his work with high risk domestic violence offenders has lead him to partner on a project in London, Ontario developing a standardized dynamic risk strategy for monitoring changing risk posed by men who abuse their partners.

Katreena Scott

Dr. Scott is an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto and the Canada Research Chair in Family Violence Prevention and Treatment. She has authored numerous articles and book chapters on the development of violent relationships, the efficacy of service to male batterers, the effect of abuse and trauma on children and on empirically and ethically-sound policies for working with abuse perpetrators. Dr. Scott is also the lead investigator on the Caring Dads: Helping Fathers Value their Children program for fathers who have been abusive in their families which has been adopted for use in the United Kingdom, Sweden, Germany, Japan, United States and Ireland.

Speaker Biographies

Deborah Sinclair

Deborah Sinclair MSW, RSW is a feminist social work activist in independent practice in Toronto, ON. Over her 35 year involvement in social justice work, Deborah has worked in many different capacities – clinician, writer, public speaker, trainer, researcher, community organizer and expert witness. Since 2002, Deborah has been a founding member of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, an expert advisory committee of the Ontario Chief Coroner’s office that reviews all intimate partner homicides in the province. Deborah is also a founding member of Luke’s Place, the country’s first family law resource centre. She works as a resource to assist professionals and advocates working with high risk populations to mitigate vicarious trauma and promote professional excellence and health. Deborah is the YWCA 2010 recipient of the Woman of Distinction for Social Justice and is currently a 3rd year Ph.D student at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto.

Susan Strega

Susan is a professor in the School of Social Work, University of Victoria, where she is responsible for the Child Welfare Specialization. She is the co-editor (with Julia Krane, Simon Lapierre, Cathy Richardson & Rosemary Carlton) of *Failure to protect: Moving beyond gendered responses* (Fernwood, 2013) and the co-editor, with Jeannine Carrière, of *Walking this path together: Anti-racist and anti-oppressive child welfare practice* (Fernwood, 2009). A former child protection worker, Susan has conducted research about child welfare approaches to intimate partner violence, young mothers in care, fathering in child welfare, and street sex work.

Lisa Tomlinson

Lisa Tomlinson has been working with children and their families for almost 22 years with 16 years in the area of child welfare. Currently she is the supervisor of an Intake Domestic Violence Team at the Children’s Aid Society of Toronto. Lisa has previous experience working in the area of children’s mental health, education and health. She has trained with VAW professionals, judges, police and community members. Lisa is currently a sessional trainer at the Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies for the curriculum *Where Woman Abuse and Child Safety Intersect: Best Practice Interventions for Keeping Children and Women Safe* and is the Anti Oppression Trainer for the Children’s Aid Society of Toronto.



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