

# 2018-2019 IMPACT REPORT



**Western**  
Centre for Research & Education on  
Violence Against Women & Children

This impact report highlights our efforts in 2018-19 as reflected in various activities and grants. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff and students that make our work so successful in reaching diverse audiences through our conferences, publications and engagement with the media. Our impact is dependent on the support of our many partners and collaborators, Management Committee, Advisory Committee, research associates, funders and our extended family in the Faculty of Education.

## HERITAGE PLAQUE

Research Western creates heritage plaques to celebrate significant research-related moments in the University's history that have benefited the social, financial, cultural and medical well-being of citizens in Canada and abroad. We are honoured to be a 2018 recipient! The collective work of Centre staff, students, and partners has made us a leader in research and education on ending violence against women and children.



## KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION



## PROJECTS & GRANTS

Our Centre conducts research and knowledge mobilization initiatives that impact communities of research, policy, and practice — locally and globally.



### THE LEARNING NETWORK (LN)

The LN team launched an exciting new website ([vawlearningnetwork.ca](http://vawlearningnetwork.ca)) and partnered in bringing The Ghomeshi Effect, a documentary dance-based performance on sexual violence to Western students and the London community.

**78**  
Published resources

**7,032**  
Registered for LN Knowledge Exchange Activities

**285**  
Online Ontario resources featured on the LN Website

**32%**  
Increase in subscribers to the LN activities and resources

## KNOWLEDGE HUB (KH)

The KH team launched its own website (kh-cdc.ca). The team also developed a working group report on trauma-and-violence intervention research ethics.



**385,528**

Social media impressions



**6,899**

Registered for the LN/KH webinars



**14**

Videos created about the projects



Neighbours,  
Friends & Family



Make It  
Our Business



**9**  
Facebook  
Live Sessions



**23,000**  
Views



**18**  
MIOB Training  
Sessions



**529**  
Participants in  
MIOB training



**30**  
Blog  
Posts

## RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUSES

The Centre led the development of a free, accessible online training to prepare people in post-secondary institutions from a wide range of roles and positions to provide supportive trauma and violence informed responses to disclosures of sexual violence. The training launched in the fall of 2018.



**12,018**  
Website visits

**30+**

Universities & Colleges  
across Canada to use  
this training



Canadian Domestic Homicide  
Prevention Initiative  
with Vulnerable  
Populations

## CANADIAN DOMESTIC HOMICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS (CDHPVP)

In partnership with Myrna Dawson of Guelph University, the CDHPVP team released a report on domestic homicides in Canada from 2010 to 2015, completed comprehensive literature review on risk assessment, risk management, and safety planning.



**13**  
Co-investigators



**370**  
Interviews conducted  
with key informants



**6**  
Published  
resources

## NEW PROJECTS & GRANTS

### RESEARCH & TRAINING FOR VULNERABLE WORKERS EXPERIENCING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The Centre received over \$874,000 for 6 years to coordinate and collaborate on research and training with the Canadian Women's Foundation, AfterMeToo, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and the University of Toronto. This research will focus on vulnerable workers in federally regulated workplaces.

### MAKE IT OUR BUSINESS: INCREASED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

This two year project will culminate in a social enterprise working model to support employers in addressing workplace domestic violence. The project includes development of a certification process for Make It Our Business trainers and capacity building in local communities to directly support employers for safety planning and risk assessment with violence against women expertise.

### ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

The Centre received \$2.088 million to develop training for over 500,000 federally regulated workers to recognize and respond to domestic violence in the workplace. The Centre has partnered with the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and the Federally Regulated Employers – Transportation and Communications (FETCO) to implement the training. This project has already trained 50 domestic violence experts and consultants; and had over 125 people attend the International Summit.

### IT'S NOT RIGHT! PUTTING CHAMPIONS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE ON THE MAP

The Centre has received funds to enhance a website about elder abuse and to expand awareness of financial abuse. We look forward to launching the website next year.