RESOLVE Saskatchewan Recent Activities

1. Update and Accomplishments

- RESOLVE Research Day 2018, hosted by RESOLVE Saskatchewan, was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the keynote speakers and the sessions were well attended and well received. We had 129 participants this year taking part in 16 sessions. One big hit was Merlot, a service dog from the Regina Police Service. His handler, Tia Froh spoke about how he is used to assist people, especially children, who have experienced trauma, including violence and abuse. Our morning keynote, Corey O'Soup. Spoke about his activities as the provincial children’s advocate, and Dr. Kim Zorn, a former student of Mary Hampton’s, spoke about the research that has made her an expert on stalking and how it affects those affected.

- Two of our former students, Melissa Wuerch and Nichole Faller, were two of four young women who recently received the Friends of Meitheal Award for their efforts to improve the relationship between psychology and Indigenous peoples. The award recognizes those who are answering the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

- Darlene continues to represent RESOLVE Saskatchewan on a committee spearheaded by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. Justice brought together CBOs and other concerned parties to consult on developing a Provincial Plan on Interpersonal and Family Violence. Darlene has been attending the meetings, as has been Jo-Anne Dusel, Executive Director of PATHS here in the province. The end result of this collaboration will be “Clare’s Law”, a first in Canada, a provincial law which will allow police to release information about someone’s abusive past if they believe that person’s partner may be at risk.

- RESOLVE Saskatchewan is partnering with Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan (SASS), in their bid to receive funding from the Status of Women Canada Capacity Building Call for Proposals. SASS believes that intentional and sustained partnerships are crucial in ensuring that every community, every home, and every individual in our province can live a life free of violence. They want RESOLVE to work with them specifically in developing a sustainable network and assisting in the distributing and circulating of resources to partners that provide intimate partner violence services across Saskatchewan.

- Darlene will be speaking on behalf of RESOLVE at the Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan (SASS) conference’s Leadership Forum in February, here in Regina. She will be drawing on our recently publishing Saskatchewan Report on the CURA/SSHRC project entitled Rural and Northern Community Response to Intimate Partner Violence, and speaking about the connection between sexual violence and interpersonal violence.

2. Research Activities
RESOLVE’s submission to the Prairie Action Foundation’s new $60,000, Tri-Provincial Research Call-out, *The multi-faces of IPV across the prairie provinces*, has been successful. Data collection continues. They have just completed a successful focus group session. Saskatchewan’s portion is being led by Dr. Karen Wood, a member of our steering committee, and Maryellen Gibson, from the University of Saskatchewan.

Another Tri-Provincial Research grant was awarded to PATHS under the leadership of Crystal Giesbrecht, one of our long-time steering committee members. The $50,000 project is being done with partner organizations from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. The research is entitled Newcomer Women & IPV: *Adjusting to New Life in the Prairies: Needs of Newcomer Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence*.

Two of our Steering Committee members, S. Martin and K. Wood, are working on a $53,000 Insight Development Grant from SSHRC. If the proposal, entitled, *Using Digital Storytelling to Empower Young Women Exposed to Dating Violence*, is successful, it will fund a pilot project that will use digital storytelling to help women who have been exposed to dating violence work towards having healthy, non-violent relationships.

Mary has reluctantly stepped away from a SSHRC Partnership Grant entitled, *Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative for Vulnerable Populations*, led by Dr. Peter Jaffe, University of Western Ontario.

A new CARE grant LOI submitted by steering committee member, Tara Busch, is entitled *Child Exploitation and Trafficking Study*. The goal of this study is to have some concrete numbers in regards to how many agencies and police services in the province are dealing with the issue of exploitation, and once we see the numbers, what we can do at that point to raise more awareness and provide proper supports for these exploited children, youth and adults?

RESOLVE Research Day was partially funded by a $3,000 grant from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation as well as one ($3,000) from the U. of Regina and one ($1,000) from the U. of Saskatchewan.

RESOLVE Saskatchewan also received a grant of $2,500 from the Prairie Action Foundation to pay for the free books that were distributed at the research day.

3. Publications/Presentations

**Articles**


Books and Book Chapters
None at this time.

Conference Presentations
None at this time.

Public Presentations
None at this time.
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