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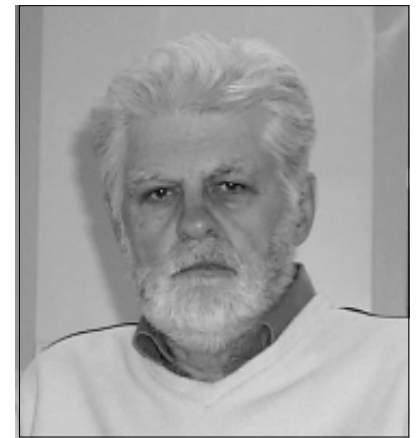
Child Protection Centre



by Judy Boulton

In the past few issues of our newsletter we have focused on programs within the criminal justice system. However, police and courts are only one part of a larger societal response needed to reduce the terrible realities of violence and abuse in family relations. An equally important institution is our health care system. The Child Protection Centre, at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg has played a leadership role in responding to child abuse cases that come to their attention, often through emergency admissions. Next to sudden infant death syndrome, child abuse is the leading cause of mortality for infants between one and six months of age. Child abuse is second only to accidental injury in deaths of children over one year of age.

1965, both physicians realized the need to consolidate the work in this area and with a \$250,000 grant (1982) from the federal government (Health Dept. and Justice), the Child Protection Center was born. That funding tripled



Dr. Charles Ferguson

between 1985 and 1989, allowing for the increase of 6 employees to 14.5 employees dedicated to forensic pediatrics. In 1989, Dr. Ferguson gave up his clinical practice as head of the Children's Clinic - Outpatient, to become full-time director of the Child Protection Centre Clinic, a hospital based service for abused and/or neglected children.

Dr. Ferguson has extensive experience in all aspects of child welfare, advocacy, forensic investigation and child health. Much of his work today involves medical/legal court matters. As a recognized national

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In the early 60's, Dr. Ken McRae, a pediatrician at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg, began to focus on cases associated with **C h i l d Maltreatment**, specifically the "battered baby syndrome". With the arrival of Dr. Charles Ferguson in

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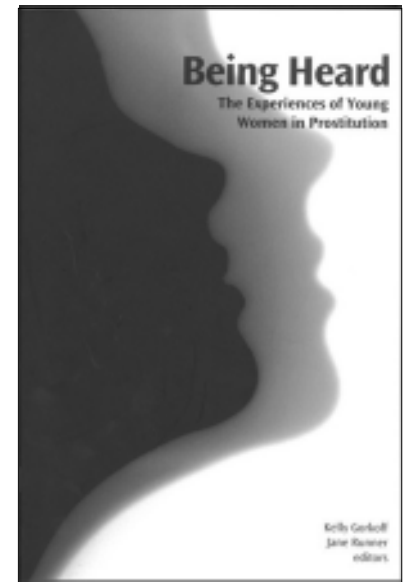
BOOK RELEASE



Being Heard: The Experiences of Young Women in Prostitution edited by Kelly Gorkoff and Jane Runner is the fourth publication in the “Hurting and Healing” Series of books co-published by RESOLVE and Fernwood Publishing.

Being Heard takes an in-depth look at the lives of young women exploited through the sex trade industry. What makes this book unique is that the experiences and perspectives come directly from the young women themselves. From issues of self-identity, health and safety concerns, encounters with violence and the effectiveness of community and government programs, *Being Heard* addresses the complex issues of the sex-trade work and the best ways to respond to these issues.

The book was launched at McNally Robinson Booksellers on May 20th in Winnipeg, May 22nd in Calgary and May 27th in Saskatoon. *Being Heard* is available at McNally Robinson Booksellers.



To order ***Being Heard*** and our other publications see our website at: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/resolve>

- ❖ *No Place for Violence: Canadian Aboriginal Alternatives*
- ❖ *Pieces of a Puzzle: Perspectives on Child Sexual Abuse*
- ❖ *Reclaiming Self: Issues and Resources for Women Abused by Intimate Partners*

BOOK REVIEW



The Story of Jane Doe: A Book About Rape
by: Jane Doe, Random House, Canada,
Reviewed by: Jane Ursel

Our culture is replete with stories of triumph over adversity. We like stories that reassure us that a strong will, a keen intelligence and a pure heart can overcome even the most insurmountable odds. They are stories about heroes. This is a book about ‘a kind of victory’ over adversity that isn’t so reassuring. It is a story about an “anti-victim” not a hero. This is a tough, gritty story told by Jane Doe, a Toronto woman who was raped by a serial sexual predator in 1986. It is a passionate, personal account of her struggle to regain her life, resist “the rape victim” stereotype and battle for her right to justice. This book will inspire some readers, inform many and undoubtedly infuriate others.

As the fifth woman attacked by the “Balcony Rapist”, Jane Doe feared that women were being used as bait to capture the offender. With her friends and supporters, against the direction of the police, she distributed posters that alerted the community and ultimately led to his arrest. This was a first step in a long legal and personal battle to interject the voice and interests of victims in the process of justice. Jane Doe became the first raped woman in Ontario to have her own lawyer, (the crown attorney represents the state). She won the right to sit in on the trial instead of being relegated to the hallway as most victim/witnesses are. Hearing the details of the police work on this case, she

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Manitoba Update



By Jane Ursel

A FOND FAREWELL

After 10 years as a member of the Manitoba Steering Committee and 9 years as our Community Associate Director, Sharon Perrault is moving on to new challenges. In March Sharon accepted a full time appointment to the National Parole Board and relocated to Saskatoon. While we will miss Sharon greatly, we do have the dubious comfort of a Federal prison just outside the city, which will bring Sharon back to Winnipeg frequently.



RESOLVE staff celebrate Sharon Perrault's nomination for Women of Distinction at the awards dinner on May 1st. L-R: Jocelyn Proulx, Melanie Crouch, Jane Ursel, Sharon Perrault and Dianne Bulback

Sharon has been a great supporter of RESOLVE and believes strongly in the importance of community-university partnerships to further our understanding and enhance our programming in the field of family violence. She played a key role in the development of our tri-provincial research network, traveling throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta to talk to community organizations and academics about the benefits of a prairie research network. Always a popular speaker and a natural teacher she was happy to share the knowledge and experience she gained developing culturally specific programs at Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata, the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre and Stoney Mountain.

Sharon has been a wonderful colleague and mentor to me as she gently challenged my assumptions and opened my eyes to an Aboriginal perspective on family violence. She is a wise and patient woman who encouraged me to listen and learn from people who abuse as well as people who are abused. Sharon has always been committed to a holistic approach, working as hard to develop programs for offenders as she did to develop programs for victims. Working with Sharon we have learned....there is joy in undertaking difficult tasks, there is strength and promise in all people and there is wisdom in that discovery. **Megweetch**

PROTECTION ORDERS MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE!

On April 29 the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Gord McIntosh, announced amendments to the Domestic Violence and Stalking Act. In 2001, Minister McIntosh responded to concerns about the law, expressed by some service providers. He called for a committee to review the law and its implementation and recommend changes, if necessary. As a member of that committee, I was very pleased to see the Minister act so quickly on a number of suggested changes. With some clarification in the

language about what constitutes potential harm and the removal of the requirement of co-habitation more people in need of protection will now qualify. It is expected that extended family members and people in dating relationships will now have better access to protection orders. Access will also be enhanced by increasing the number of people designated to assist in the application process. It is anticipated that the amended legislation will be implemented by January 2004.

Saskatchewan Community Profiles



Saskatchewan's Research Assistant: Christina Budnick

Hi everyone - my name is Christina Budnick and I recently accepted the position of Research Assistant at RESOLVE Saskatchewan. My position entails various administrative duties, library research, and community liaison work. In addition to RESOLVE, I work as a casual Crisis Counselor at the YWCA Crisis Shelter here in Saskatoon. My job consists mostly of providing support, information, and referrals to women in the shelter. The reasons women enter the shelter vary: domestic violence, homelessness, justice issues, mental health issues, addiction issues, and youth at risk.

I became involved with RESOLVE Saskatchewan through my social work practicum placement at the Family Support Center - Domestic Abuse Outreach Program. During my practicum, I provided one to one counseling and support, facilitated educational groups regarding domestic violence issues, and advocated on behalf of women living in violent situations. I also did some research on the lack of second stage housing for women and children fleeing violent relationships.

I have done volunteer work with Saskatoon Community Women's Coalition, YWCA Crisis Shelter, Family Service Saskatoon, and University of Saskatchewan Women's Center. I have a keen interest in researching preventative solutions to violence and abuse against women and children. My other research interests include custody and access issues in domestic violence situations and victimization of battered women in the justice system.

I look forward to the professional development I will acquire at RESOLVE Saskatchewan.

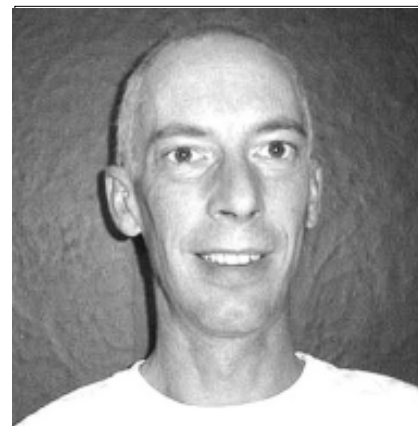


**RESOLVE
SASKATCHEWAN
MOVES AGAIN!!!**

*Is there such a thing as a small move?? Luckily they relocated just down the hall from 208B to **210B**.*

Saskatchewan Community Profile: Ken Crawford

Ken Crawford is the current coordinator of Saskatchewan Towards Offering Partnership Solutions to Violence Inc. (STOPS as it is more casually known). The partnership began as a Health Canada project to determine strengths and barriers of community and government working together to find solutions to relationship violence. STOPS has now begun its eleventh year of operation. STOPS involvement with RESOLVE is a natural extension of the partnership building of the organization. With over two hundred partnership agencies, individuals and government partners, STOPS has the opportunity, through RESOLVE, to connect many communities and their knowledge with the skills of the academic research community in this province. For the past three years, Ken has provided support to an increasing partnership, with participants from a variety of sectors including shelters, schools, corrections, youth focused programs, seniors education initiatives, First Nations healing programs and many more. Ken enjoys creating environments for community and government to come together to create solutions to such a far-reaching challenge in our society.



Ken Crawford

Currently, Ken is providing support for a conference project that is occurring in May of this year. This learning-working conference on relationship violence looks at the impacts youth experience in dating and committed relationships. Through this project, STOPS to Violence is providing the groundwork for youth to become more active in collaboration efforts at the community and provincial levels. One of the main focuses of Ken's position is to provide mentoring and facilitation skills to partnership groups and throughout the province. Through these experiences, he has witnessed the incredible innovation, dedication and passion of those seeking to reduce and end relationship violence in Saskatchewan.

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RESOLVE Alberta Update



by Cheryl Foulkes

RESOLVE Alberta continues to be busy with ongoing and new projects. The office recently hired three new research assistants/associates. Janie Christianson is completing her MSW degree from Charles Sturt University in Australia; Nathalie Forest is completing her MSW degree at the University of Calgary; Diane Roski MSW, is an alumna from the University of Calgary. Welcome to Janie, Nathalie and Diane!



Cheryl Foulkes

FaithLink Research Project

Initiated by the Action Committee Against Violence some year ago, FaithLink is building bridges between Calgary's faith communities and secular agencies that offer family violence programs. It recently received funding to employ a part time coordinator; a small proportion will be used to evaluate the project. With the leadership of Dr. Michael Rothery of the Faculty of Social Work, RESOLVE Alberta is assisting in the first phase of this evaluation. The Research Advisory Team includes Irene Sevcik, Rev. Robert Pynn, Karen Walroth, and Betsy Young. Dr. Nancy Nason-Clark (University of New Brunswick) is a co-investigator. The evaluation team is currently developing a questionnaire and an interview schedule as well as pursuing additional funding to expand the research.

The Feasibility of a Calgary Advocacy Centre



By Leslie M. Tutty and Laura Cavicchi

When an adult or child has been sexually assaulted or abused, she/he often requires medical services and counseling and also needs to decide whether to report the assault to the police. If the victim is a child, representatives from child welfare may also be involved. Victims must find their way between services, attending investigative interviews and accessing resources with numerous professionals, often at separate locations. Such fragmentation can secondarily victimize the victim, as she/he must repeatedly re-tell the events of the assault to police, medical examiners, counselors and legal representatives.

Advocacy centres move a coordinated interagency response under one roof, streamlining services to victims. Rather than victims and their families traveling between agencies at different locations, advocacy centres co-locate the essential systems and services into one central location. This coordination decreases the number of interviews for victims, increases successful prosecution and improves communication between agencies involved in the sexual assault/abuse case.

In late 2001, Karen Walroth of the Action Committee Against Violence procured funding from the Safer Calgary Initiative, City of Calgary. RESOLVE Alberta was contracted to examine the feasibility of establishing an advocacy centre in the city. Working with the Family Advocacy

Planning (FAC) Committee, Laura Cavicchi, Leslie Tutty and Kendra Nixon mapped the existing services in Calgary that address sexual assault and child sexual abuse, researched coordinated service models throughout North America, and conducted interviews with key Calgary stakeholders. This information was presented at a community consultation in June 2002 with over 75 representatives from the sexual abuse/assault and domestic violence serving community.

What could an Advocacy Centre in Calgary provide for victims? The proposed model would provide medical, legal and counseling services for both adult and child victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Because of the overlap with domestic abuse (i.e. sexual assaults in intimate partner violence), services for those affected by domestic violence could also co-locate at the advocacy centre. While the centre was initially modeled after the Mesa's Centre Against Family Violence and the Family Advocacy Centre in Phoenix Arizona, the final model grew from the needs of victims and service gaps in Calgary.

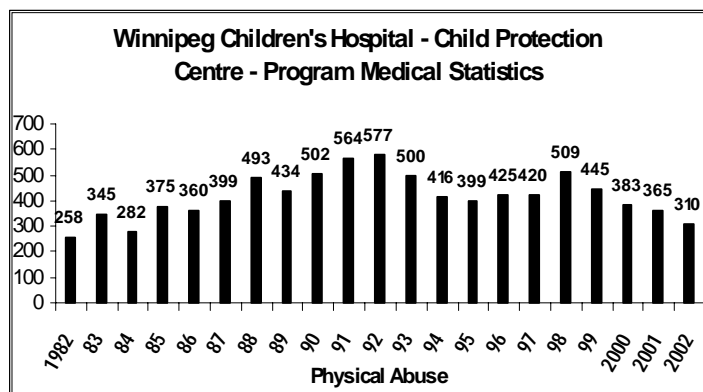
The Advocacy Centre Planning Committee included Karen Walroth, Danielle Aubry, Julie Black, Peter Davison, Jan Dietsche, Dr. Pauline Head, Terry Smith, Dr. Donna Wachowich, Linda Anderson, Gordon Wong, Sylvia Kasper, Sue Mallon, Colleen McCord, Mary Ann Sanderson and Debra Mauro.

Child Protection Center

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expert, he has been called by prosecutors and defense lawyers to give expert testimony in trials across Canada.



The Child Protection Center (CPC) is an assessment and early intervention unit for abused children and their families. Response to a child who has suffered non-accidental trauma involves a team approach. The CPC staff include a physician, a psychologist, social workers, a child life therapist and support staff. They assess and medically diagnose sexual, physical and/or emotional injuries, then refer the child and family to relevant service agencies. Support services that initially began at CPC are now operating within the community; for example, family support services under New Directions such as FASA (Families Affected by Sexual Assault). FASA offers crises intervention services for child victims of third party sexual assault, and their families. Another example, the Native Women's Transition Centre, is a residential resource that provide women with a mentor to develop parenting skills. As well as providing assessment/intervention services, the CPC provides consultation and educational services to community professionals.

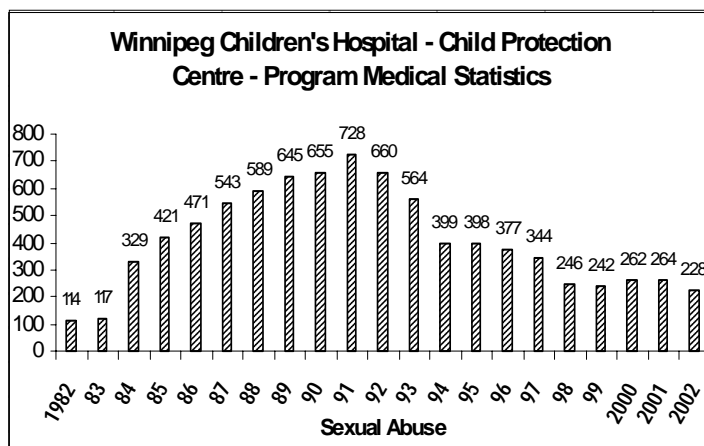
The clinic deals mainly with children who have been, or are suspected of, having been sexually abused. The purpose of the clinic is 4-fold:

- ❖ To reduce the child's fears about the medical check-up; to teach the child about personal safety - what is appropriate

touching and what is not

- ❖ To rule out or treat injury, infection, or pregnancy, where sexual abuse is an issue
- ❖ To assist the parent and child in coping with what has happened
- ❖ To assist the police in their investigation with medical evidence
- ❖ To provide information about how sexually abused children react and to refer children and families to appropriate counseling services.

Every physician has an ethical, moral and legal



responsibility to report any suspected case of abuse to the Child Protection authorities. Cases may involve legal proceedings that may lead to criminal charges or apprehension of the child, therefore, all diagnostic evidence supporting that suspicion must be clearly recorded and carefully documented in the medical chart. In the year 2000, the Winnipeg Children's Hospital investigated 262 cases of sexual abuse and 383 cases of physical abuse. Approximately 60% (physical abuse) were "substantiated". Of these 5 children died as a result of physical abuse (all from Shaken Baby Syndrome). "Less than 1/3 of child sexual abuse investigations result in the laying of a criminal charge".

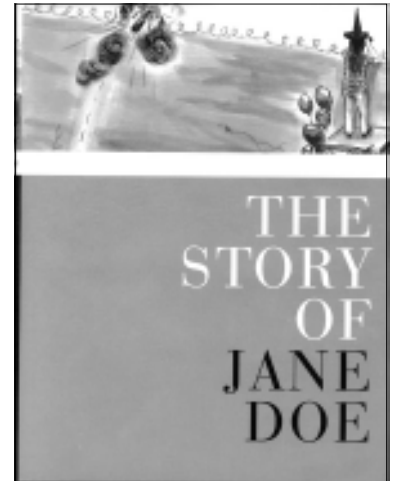
BOOK REVIEW

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became convinced that the police had been negligent and discriminatory in their investigation. In 1987, Jane Doe sued the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force for negligence and Charter violations.

Her legal case provides the framework of this book. Within this framework Jane Doe tells her story, her way and she has a lot to tell. She is brutally frank as she recounts her roller coaster life of highs and lows, struggling to heal, to be heard, to change a legal system she encountered as cold, impersonal and unresponsive. At times the book reads like a 'Who's Who' of the Toronto feminist movement, at times an expose of the Toronto police, at its best moments we see the world through her eyes. Like Jane, we are struck speechless at the repeated reference to "her rape" as nonviolent. Her assailant broke in to her apartment, raping her at knife point... had he stolen her T.V. and stereo instead, it would be referred to as a home invasion. When she rants against the minimization of violence against women we begin to understand.



While there have been many other accounts of Jane Doe's story, at the criminal trial, the civil trial, in the newspapers, in the recent television docu-drama, all of these accounts were told by other people for other interests. This is the crux of her message, our society, our justice system, marginalize, objectify, and silence women who have been victimized. While she won the legal battle, she fears she lost the war. She states; the police, the courts, the 'helping' agencies have not changed. Those working in these institutions are as likely to squirm or rage at her portrayal of them as she rants and resists their stereotype of her. This is a particularly hard hitting volley in the growing confrontation between a justice system designed to prosecute in the interests of the state and the people who have been victimized who demand to be heard.

Conferences



June 21 - 26, 2003 Second World Congress on Family Violence in Prague, Czech Republic. Sponsored by the National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence (USA). For more information, contact the National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence by phone: 202.429.6695; e-mail: nccafv@aol.com; or web site: www.nccafv.org

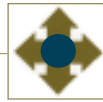
July 13 - July 16, 2003 8th International Family Violence Research Conference, Sheraton Harborside Hotel and Conference Center, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. For more information phone: 603.832.0767; fax: 603.862.1122; e-mail: sarahg@cisunix.unh.edu; online: www.unh.edu/fvl/conference2003/index.html

September 16 - 20, 2003 8th International Conference on Family Violence: Working Together to End Abuse, Town & Country Hotel & Convention Center, San Diego, California. Sponsored by the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute, together with Children's Institute International, and Alliant International University. For more information, contact Lisa Conradi, Conference Coordinator, Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute by phone: 888.623.2777; fax: 858.646.0761; e-mail: fvconf@alliant.edu

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Last but not Least!



Dr. Raymond Currie (President); Brad Hunter (former PAF Board member); Michelle Hunter; Margaret Newall (Chair); Deputy Commissioner Steve Duncan (Board member); Peggy Duncan

Regina, February 13th, 2003 was, once again, a day of celebration for Prairieaction Foundation. It was the last stop in a series of donor recognition events across the prairie provinces. Our friends and donors joined us for a celebration in the Officers' Mess at the RCMP Training Academy. We would like to thank the RCMP for its continued support and partnership in this event. It was a small but successful event and we were delighted to have had several special guests join us. It was a reminder how Prairieaction Foundation has grown out of the commitment from the community and is testament to the ongoing support it receives from its friends and donors.

PAF Honours

We are delighted to announce that two very valuable members of the Prairieaction Foundation Board are being recognized for their contributions to the community and their commitment to making a difference.

Deputy Commissioner Steve Duncan of the NorthWest region of the RCMP, based in Regina, received the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. He received his Officer of Merit badge, along with 32 others, from Governor General Adrienne Clarkson during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. Steve has been with the RCMP since 1966, and received his commission in 1987. He has held positions in many diverse areas, such as economic crime, administration and personnel, corporate affairs and criminal operations.

Congratulations, Steve!

Margaret Newall, our very devoted chair, received the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club of Calgary on April 15, 2003. In 1905 Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, started Rotary with three business associates. Paul Harris awards are presented to people throughout the world, recognized for their devotion to the ideal of good will, peace and understanding. It is a tribute to a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation.

It is Rotary's highest honour. Congratulations, Margaret - it is well-deserved recognition.

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