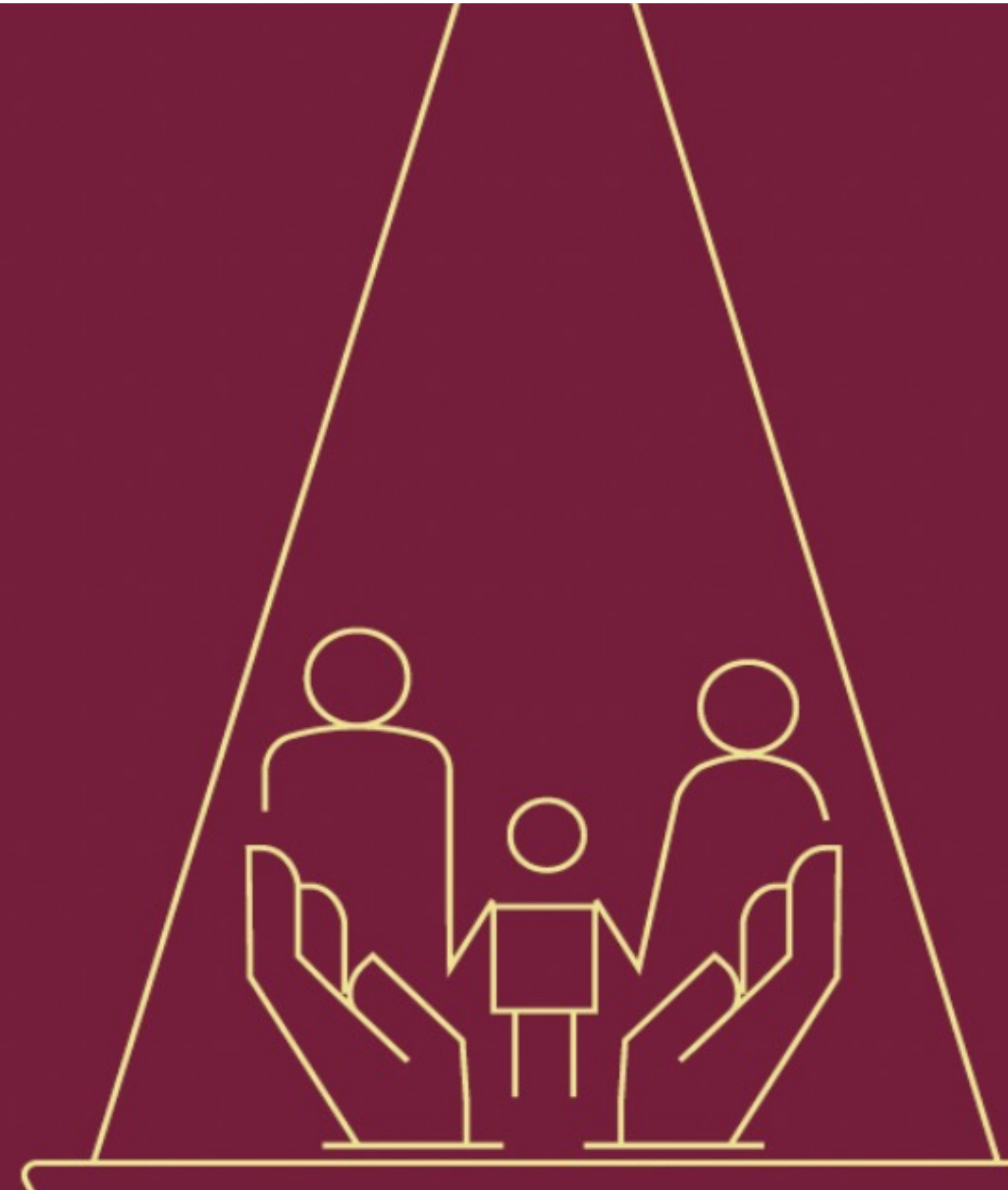


# Substance Use Coercion and IPV Survivors in Family Court





# Land Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.





# Supporting the Health of Survivors

## of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings Community of Practice

- Study Purpose: To initiate, host, and support a Community of Practice (CoP) comprised of experts and practitioners in the family violence and family law sectors to enhance the capacity of practitioners to address family violence safely and effectively. Through the CoP, there will be **enhanced support to survivors of violence through the family law system by increasing opportunities for family law practitioners to have training, guidance and resources to support trauma-informed practice, and to improve coordination of services that will enhance the safety and wellbeing of all parties.**
- Timeline: November 2020 to November 2023
- Funder: Public Health Agency of Canada
- National Alliance of Gender-Based Violence Research Centres in Canada (Western University is lead)
- CoP Experts (family law, IPV-serving organizations, special populations, IPV survivors)



# Acknowledgements

- Dr. Carole Warshaw, Breena Murray & Colleen Allan
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- *Prairieaction* Foundation
- Ashley Haller, Research Technician
- Patricia Karacsony, RESOLVE Digital Communications Specialist
- University of Manitoba Audio/Visual Team



# Disturbing Content

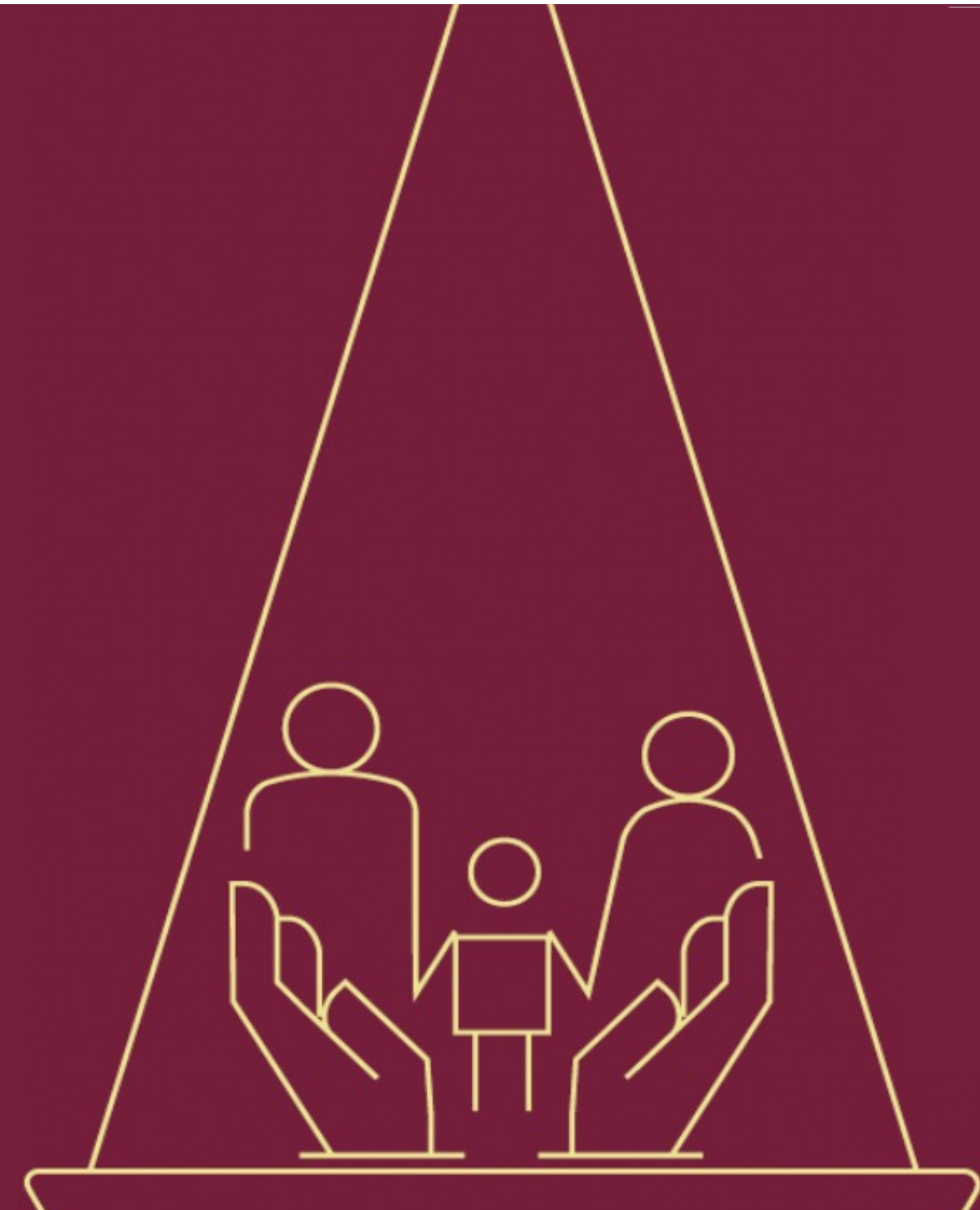
*This webinar contains material of a highly sensitive nature that may be disturbing for some individuals.*

- Family Violence Resources:
  - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/stop-family-violence/services.html>



# Zoom Guidelines

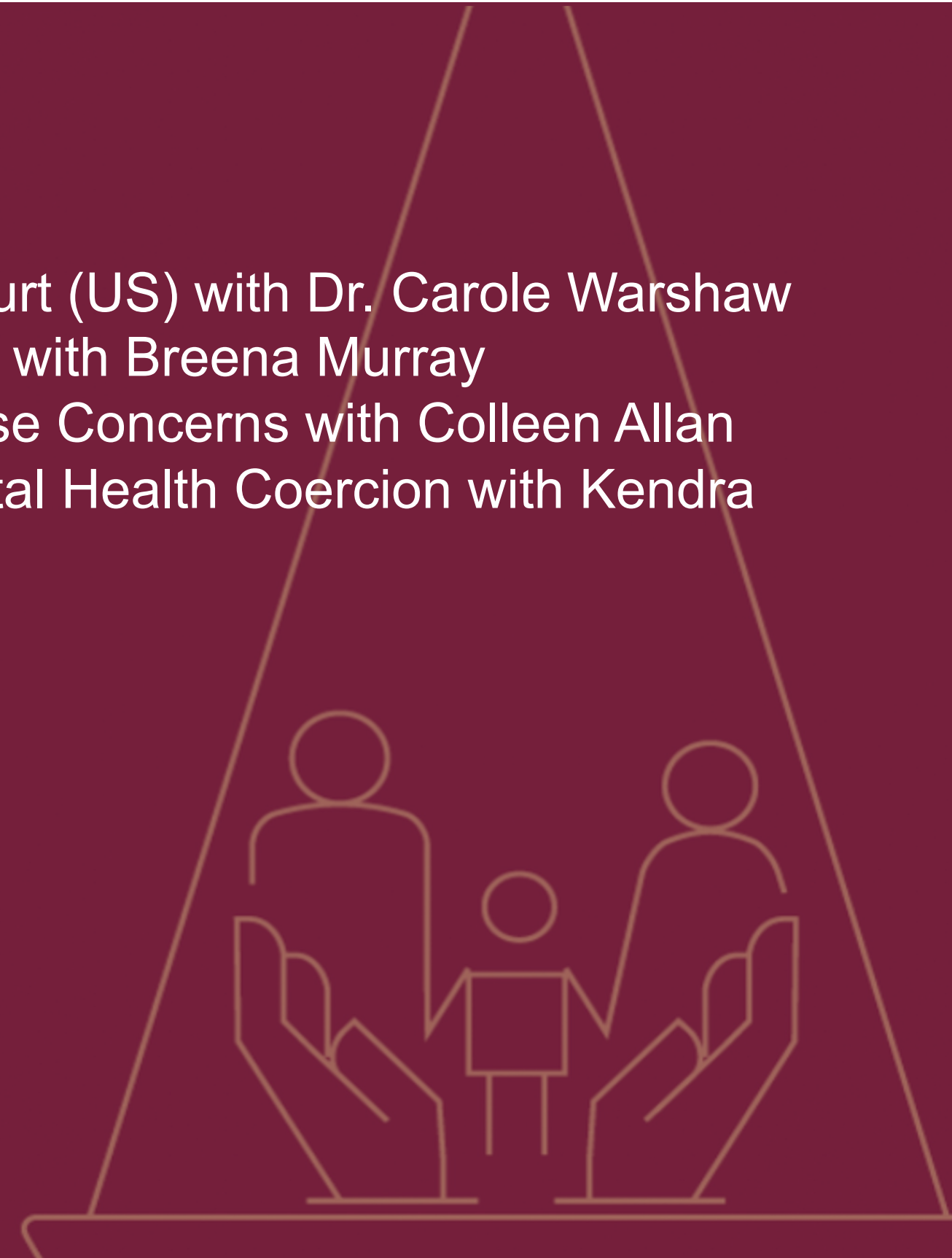
- Webinar will be recorded
- Participants will remain muted & have their video turned off during the entire webinar
- During Q & A session participants may ask questions by clicking the Q & A button (bottom of screen)





# Webinar Schedule

- 3:00 – 3:05 pm: Welcome and Land Acknowledgment
- 3:05 – 3:35 pm: Overview of Substance Use Coercion and Family Court (US) with Dr. Carole Warshaw
- 3:35 – 3:50 pm: Substance Use Coercion in Family Court in Manitoba with Breena Murray
- 3:50 – 4:05 pm: Working with Survivors Who May Have Substance Use Concerns with Colleen Allan
- 4:05 – 4:10 pm: Survivors/Lived Experience and Substance Use/Mental Health Coercion with Kendra Nixon (on behalf of a survivor)
- 4:10 – 4:25 pm: Questions and Answer
- 4:25 – 4:30 pm: Closing Remarks



# Webinar Speakers



**Dr. Carole Warshaw** is the Director of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health. Dr. Warshaw has been at the forefront of developing collaborative models and building system capacity to address the mental health, substance use, and advocacy concerns of survivors of DV and other trauma, and to create accessible, culturally responsive, domestic violence- and trauma-informed services and organizations. She has written and spoken extensively on these topics both nationally and internationally and has served as an advisor to numerous health, mental health, substance use, and advocacy organizations and federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). Dr. Warshaw has maintained a private practice in psychiatry since 1989 and is a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois, Chicago.



**Breena Murray** is a born and raised Brandonite. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2007, and again in 2010 receiving her Bachelor of Law degree. Breena was then called to the Manitoba Bar in June of 2011. Starting her career with Patersons LLP in 2010 as an articling student, Breena went on to complete her articles and become an associate with the firm in 2011 following her Call to the Bar. Continuing her practice Breena became a Partner with the firm on January 1, 2019. Breena has a diverse practice with a primary focus in Family Law helping her clients resolve their disputes in the manner that best suit their situation, whether it is through litigation or negotiation. Her practice also includes Child Protection, Real Estate, Municipal Law, Civil Litigation and Estate Planning. Breena has argued cases for clients at all levels of Manitoba Courts.



**Colleen Allan** is currently the Executive Director of the St. Raphael Wellness Centre. Ms. Allan is a pioneer in the addiction field, having worked in the addiction field for over 50 years and has been in the forefront of emerging trends and needs for those suffering from mental health and addiction issues. She is a National and International educator and trainer and has worked with the Dept. of National Defense both nationally and internationally, as well as being seconded to the Correction Service of Canada in Ottawa to head a task force on a strategic plan for offenders from orientation to community release. Ms. Allan has been an advocate for social justice, women's health, family violence, and the empowerment of women. She has presented workshops on the issue of Domestic Violence "Putting our Church Face On" at the Baptist World Congress in Melbourne, Australia, as well as Alberta's first Family Violence Conference hosted by Alberta's Children Services. She is the recipient of the YWCA award as a Women of Distinction for Volunteerism, Advocacy and Community Involvement, and the Celebrating Women award from the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba.



# We Value Your Feedback!

*Complete our survey:*

[https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6SeuUZ4qqkBk1Dg](https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6SeuUZ4qqkBk1Dg)



# Alliance of Canadian Research

## Centres on Gender Based-Violence

Canada's research centres (RESOLVE, RAIV, The FREDIA Centre, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, & Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women and Children (CREVAWC)) on violence against women initiate, host and support a **Community of Practice (CoP)** comprised of family violence experts, survivors, family lawyers, researchers, mental health, and social service professionals.

Visit the Alliance website (<https://alliancevaw.ca>) to access past webinar recordings and PowerPoint slides.

For more information contact:

Dr. Kendra Nixon | [kendra.nixon@umanitoba.ca](mailto:kendra.nixon@umanitoba.ca)



# Reminder

*\*Registered social workers in Manitoba attending webinar may claim 1.5 hours towards Continuing Competence Program (CCP). Visit <https://mcsww.ca> for details.*



# Stay Connected



@resolveumanitoba



@resolveum



@resolveum



<http://www.umanitoba.ca/resolve/>



[resolve@umanitoba.ca](mailto:resolve@umanitoba.ca)

