Past Issues Subscribe View this email in your browser Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse RESOLVE **NEWSLETTER WINTER 2020** The RESOLVE Network is proud to introduce its very first-ever email newsletter! We hope you enjoy the read! **RESOLVE Network Update RESOLVE Network Receives Grant Funding for Two New Projects** We are excited to announce that the RESOLVE Network has been successful in its two grant applications to the <u>Prairieaction</u> Foundation's Special Calls. Both projects are two years in duration and are each valued at approximately \$75,000. **Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in the 2SLGBTQ Community** The first project, Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in the **2SLGBTQ Community**, will examine the nature and context of intimate partner violence within the 2SLGBTQ community across the Prairie Provinces. In doing so, this research aims to garner a comprehensive understanding of the service responses toward the issue and the possible barriers that might exist in relation to accessing these services. To date, most intimate partner violence research has focused on the experiences of women in heterosexual relationships. Consequently, there is a scarcity of research examining experiences of intimate partner violence within the 2SLGBTQ community, particularly within rural, remote, and northern locations. Existing research does not provide a clear picture of the context, severity, and consequences of intimate partner violence against 2SLGBTQ persons making it difficult to develop appropriate services to meet the needs of this population. The study will address this gap through a mixed method (qualitative and quantitative) examination of 2SLGBTQ experiences, including the nature, severity, context, and consequences of intimate partner violence incidents, the experience of help-seeking, and gaps and barriers experienced by 2SLGBTQ persons who do seek help. RESOLVE is excited to work with our community partners: Rainbow Resource Centre (Manitoba), OUTSaskatoon (Saskatchewan), and Sagesse (Alberta), and our academic partners (Dr. Nicole Letourneau, University of Calgary; Dr. Karen Wood, University of Saskatchewan; Dr. Kendra Nixon, Dr. Janice Ristock, and Dr. Tracey Peter, University of Manitoba). Renée Hoffart, a research associate with RESOLVE Manitoba, will coordinate the project. **Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies** The second project, **Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence** in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies. The purpose of this study is to explore rural women's experience of intimate partner violence and help-seeking across the Prairie Provinces. Although there is a growing body of research on female survivors of intimate partner violence, there is a paucity of research on the experiences of rural women. Existing studies do not provide a clear picture of the unique circumstances of rural women who experience intimate partner violence or of the obstacles they face when seeking safety for themselves and their children. The study will address this knowledge gap through a qualitative examination of rural women that will document the ways in which rural culture and context impacts their experience of violence, how these experiences interact with cooccurring challenges experienced by women, and the barriers and challenges that occur within this context as women seek help. Again, RESOLVE is excited to work with our community partners: The Women's Resource Centre in Brandon and Ending Violence Across Manitoba (EVA MB) (Manitoba); the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan (PATHS); Odyssey House, Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre, Safe Haven Women's Shelter Society, Family and Community Support Services, and <u>Sagesse</u> (Alberta). Academic partners are Dr. Kendra Nixon and Dr. Cheryl Fraehlich (University of Manitoba); Dr. Karen Wood and Dr. Carolyn Brooks (University of Saskatchewan); and Dr. Nicole Letourneau (University of Calgary), and Dr. Dawn McBride (University of Lethbridge). RESOLVE Network Contact Dr. Kendra Nixon, Director 108 Isbister Building I University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba I R3T 2N2 I Canada Email: Kendra.Nixon@umanitoba.ca Phone: 204-474-9292 **RESOLVE Alberta Update RESOLVE Alberta Hosts Research Day 2019** Similar to the 2016 conference, RESOLVE Alberta again co-hosted the Research Day 2019 with the Awo <u>Taan Healing Lodge Society</u>. The Awo Taan Healing Awo Taan Healing Lodge Lodge Society is a full-service emergency shelter that & RESOLVE Alberta provides services to women and children from all cultures. Awo Taan has worked with Indigenous families CALLS TO ACTION. in need for over 20 years, specifically in the domestic TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION violence sector. This year the research day featured two keynote speakers, 19 concurrent sessions, an Indigenous Elders Panel and two performances by the Turning Robe Singers. The conference was held on November 15th, 2019 with the theme of **Calls to** Action, Truth and Reconciliation. Awo Taan's Executive Director, Josie Nepinak, kicked off the day with introducing Elder Jackie Bromley to begin with a prayer. **Read More RESOLVE Alberta Community Award Recipient** The RESOLVE Community Award is to acknowledge and celebrate a "person who has distinguished themselves for their contribution to creating homes and communities safe from interpersonal violence and abuse." This year, RESOLVE focused the award on someone whose work in the area of violence has also advanced the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). At RESOLVE's 2019 Research Day, RESOLVE Alberta's Community Award was presented to Dr. Karen Neilsen. Dr. Neilsen is a registered clinical social worker and therapist. She received her PhD in Education from the University of Alberta in 2004. Her PhD was entitled: "Leaving an Abusive Relationship: Finding Hope". Prior to her PhD she attained a Master's of Education and Bachelor of Social Work. She has nearly 40 years of experience helping children and women who are victims of intra-familial trauma and abuse. She sees her work as helping her clients to find their inner strengths and resolve the impact of their traumatic experiences. Everyone at RESOLVE Alberta congratulate's Dr. Neilsen for her work and on receiving this very deserving award. She is a very worthy recipient. **More Information RESOLVE Alberta Contact** Dr. Nicole Letourneau, Provincial Director PF 2282 I University of Calgary I 2500 University Drive NW Calgary, Alberta I T2N 1N4 I Canada Email: Resolve@ucalgary.ca Phone: 403-441-4552 **RESOLVE Saskatchewan Update RESOLVE Saskatchewan Moves to the University of** Saskatchewan This fall has been extremely busy for RESOLVE Saskatchewan. The office was relocated to the University of Saskatchewan in September 2019, with many thanks for the incredible help of Ann Bishop. RESOLVE SK has now settled into the new office on the 11th floor of the Arts tower at the University of Saskatchewan, and the new RESOLVE SK website is scheduled for release in January 2020. RESOLVE SK would like to send out a special thank-you to Dr. Marie Lovrod, Women's and Gender Studies, and Dr. Carolyn Brooks, Sociology, at the University of Saskatchewan who advocated for this opportunity and who continue to work hard on behalf of RESOLVE SK. Because of the tremendous support from both the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina Research Offices, information technology services and administrative teams, the move has gone smoothly. RESOLVE SK would like to recognize and thank the VP Research Office, University of Regina and Luther College for hosting RESOLVE SK at the University of Regina for so many years, their support has been critical the effectiveness of the RESOLVE network. **Dr. Karen Wood Joins RESOLVE** Saskatchewan as the Interim Academic Coordinator Dr. Karen Wood has maintained a life-long commitment to addressing the factors related to interpersonal violence and abuse and is truly delighted to have the opportunity to contribute in her new role as Interim RESOLVE SK Academic Coordinator. Dr. Wood is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Sociology, and has experience teaching in a variety of related disciplines including Sociology, Social Work and Women's and Gender Studies. With over thirty years of experience including researching on the impacts of intimate partner, child sexual abuse and family violence, acting as a community partner with National and Provincial research networks, and as a direct service practitioner and manager with non-profit organizations that provide services addressing intimate partner and family violence. Dr. Wood has been privileged to learn about the individual impacts of, and breadth of services for, those impacted by violence and abuse, including some of the most marginalized and vulnerable people in communities. Since 2003 Dr. Wood has participated with RESOLVE as a community research partner in her roles as Executive Director of two distinct non-profit organizations, both of which addressed intimate partner, child sexual and/or family violence. Dr. Wood is looking forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the RESOLVE network in this new role. Meet Dr. Stephanie Martin, Saskatchewan's Academic Representative for the RESOLVE **Regional Council** Dr. Stephanie Martin, Saskatchewan's Academic Representative for the RESOLVE Regional Council is a Registered Doctoral Psychologist and Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology & Special Education at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Martin's teaching areas include the theory and practice of counselling/psychotherapy, ethics, qualitative research methodology and the psychology of women and gender. Her research focuses broadly on the mental health of girls and women, lived experiences of healing from the trauma of violence and abuse, professional development and resiliency and supervision in applied psychology. Dr. Martin is a long-term, engaged affiliate of RESOLVE and deeply appreciates the community-university partnerships and impactful research that is supported by and emerges from the network of committed partners. **RESOLVE Saskatchewan Community Award Recipient** Elder Betty McKenna of Regina was the recipient of the 2019 RESOLVE Saskatchewan Community Award. A luncheon was held in Regina in July to present her the award as she was not scheduled to be at the RESOLVE Research Day conference when these awards are announced. At the RESOLVE Alberta Research day in November a speech was given that gave an overview of her numerous contributions that address violence in the communities. Everyone at RESOLVE SK is grateful for Elder Betty's care, and the fact that even with so many changes, she has graciously agreed to continue as the Guiding Elder. **RESOLVE Saskatchewan Contact** Dr. Karen Wood, Provincial Director 1117 - 9 Campus Drive I University of Saskatchewan I Saskatoon, SK | S7N 5A5 | Canada Email: Karen.Wood@usask.ca Phone: 306-966-5369 **RESOLVE Manitoba Update RESOLVE Manitoba Hosts Domestic Violence Awareness Month Event** RESOLVE Manitoba held a Domestic Violence Awareness Month event on November 28th, 2019 in an effort to raise awareness surrounding domestic violence and the impacts it has on women. The event featured two speakers, D/Sgt Susan Desjardine and Dr. Petrea Taylor. D/Sgt Susan Desjardine's presentation, titled 'A restorative Justice approach to intimate partner violence (IPV): The Winnipeg Police Service model' focused on how restorative justice models may serve as an alternative solution to address the harms experienced and the accountability required for IPV offences. While Dr. Taylor's presentation, "I just wanted the pain to end": women's suicidality in the wake of IPV focused on Dr. Taylor's research, which included the ways that women seek help for suicidality after IPV. Both speakers were extremely interactive with the audience and provided a wealth of knowledge. RESOLVE Manitoba would like to thank D/Sgt Susan Desjardine and Dr. Taylor for sharing their knowledge and experience with the entire audience. Everyone present learned a great deal. D/Sgt Susan Desjardine and Dr. Petrea Taylor's presentations are now available to be viewed on YouTube as a means of educating and raising awareness of domestic violence globally. **View Presentations RESOLVE Manitoba Welcomes New Research Associate** Renée Hoffart, the new Research Associate with RESOLVE Manitoba is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Manitoba. Renée's dissertation research focuses on risk-based approaches to intimate partner violence. Renée has previously worked in the Domestic Violence Unit at Family Service Regina, the YWCA Isabel Johnson Shelter, and the Regina Sexual Assault Centre. Renée is extremely excited to be a part of the RESOLVE team. **RESOLVE Manitoba Welcomes Digital Communications Specialist** Patricia Karacsony was recently hired as the new Digital Communications Specialist at RESOLVE Manitoba. Patricia brings over 5 years of digital marketing experience to the RESOLVE network. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and general management from the University of Manitoba and a diploma in business administration from Red River College. She is currently completing a second Bachelor of Arts degree in political studies and a graphic communications certificate. Patricia is extremely excited to be a part of the RESOLVE network. **RESOLVE Manitoba Community Award Recipient** Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, Manager, at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) liaison unit with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc., and co-chair of the Manitoba MMIWG coalition is the recipient of the 2019 RESOLVE Manitoba Community Award. **Carolynne Boivin Scholarship Award** Recipients Congratulations to University of Manitoba graduate students Tammy Nelson and Margherita Cameranesi, the recipients of the Carolynne Boivin Scholarship For Research on Family and Gender-Based Violence (Fall 2019 competition). **Scholarship Winner Tammy Nelson** (Master of Social Work Based in Indigenous Knowledges **Program, Faculty of Social Work)** Mookii Mikinak: Traditional Road to Healing for Indigenous Women Who Experienced Sexual Exploitation The sexual exploitation of Indigenous women and girls has historical implications from early settler contact in Canada. Indigenous women have been the targets to break down a nation of people and used to build the backbone of Canada through patriarchy policies and laws that continue to oppress and marginalize Indigenous people. They have experienced and continue to experience many forms of abuse, violence, discrimination, and racism because these forms of oppression are deeply rooted in Canada's colonial structures. Indigenous women and girls are disproportionally overrepresented in being sexually exploited as a direct result of these colonial ties. **Scholarship Winner Margherita Cameranesi** (Applied Health Sciences) Resilience Processes in Children and Adolescents Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): A Convergent Parallel Mixed Methods Study **Read More RESOLVE Manitoba Contact** Dr. Kendra Nixon, Director 108 Isbister Building I University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba I R3T 2N2 I Canada Email: Kendra.Nixon@umanitoba.ca Phone: 204-474-9292 Prairie action Foundation **Youth Leadership Awards Announcement** Prairieaction Prairie action Foundation is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the Youth Leadership Awards. Award recipients may apply to receive up to \$3,000 to continue or duplicate their award-winning project or undertake a new project. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 31st, 2020. Youth groups from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba between the ages of 12-20 are eligible to be nominated for the Prairie action Foundation Youth Leadership Award. To be considered for the award, the project of the nominated group will have demonstrated leadership and commitment to raising awareness about violence and abuse, promote healthy relationships and/or developing innovative approaches to violence prevention. **More Information Announcements & Upcoming Events RESOLVE Research Day 2020** The RESOLVE Research Day will be held in Winnipeg on Friday, November 6th, 2020. Please mark your calendars. More details coming soon. Winnipeg Police Service Endowment Fund In January 2014 the Winnipeg Police Service announced the creation of the Winnipeg Police Service Endowment Fund as part of ongoing efforts to create a renewed culture of safety in the city of Winnipeg. The goal of the Endowment Fund is to support at risk families and children, which for various reasons require additional support from the community. Through the funding of initiatives such as after school programs, drop-in centers, as well as educational and recreational activities, the fund will strive to create positive, enriching opportunities for these families and children in hopes of empowering them to reach their full potential. Grant applications are accepted from January 1, 2020 until February 29, 2020 with consideration being given to grant requests that promote the well-being of the community through; social, health, or educational initiatives that embrace the philosophy of crime prevention through social development.

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