



RESOLVE Alberta Update

The Alliance Against Violence & Adversity (AVA)

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The Alliance Against Violence and Adversity (AVA) is a Health and Social Services Research Training Platform for system and population transformations in girls' and women's health. The objective of this training platform is to create the capacity to transform population (community) health and social services to promote health and wellness of girls and women at risk of or affected by violence and adversity over the life cycle.

The AVA training platform has identified 3 overarching gaps in current research training to prevent and address negative impacts of adversity and family violence on girls and women's health and wellness. [Read more.](#)

The Shelter Pulse: Centralizing Trauma-Informed Policies, Practices & Training for Rural and Remote Violence Against Women (VAW) Shelters

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Women fleeing abusive relationships/households are not receiving comparable levels of services, which are dependent on which part of the country they live in. The Shelter Pulse database will be a free, easy-to-use, up-to-date resource to help shelters resolve these issues.

Pooling resources to create a consistent framework for policy development and service delivery will also save time and money for shelters, eliminate duplication of work, and create a standard for rural Canadian shelters.

This project aims to equalize the level of care for women escaping domestic violence by creating a database of the most current, research-based, trauma-informed policies and practices. This online tool will assist VAW and second-stage shelters to standardize their practices to ensure that women and children across the country have access to comparable levels of services even when they're in smaller communities. [Read more.](#)

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RESOLVE Manitoba Update

The Co-Occurrence of Parental Alienation Claims and Intimate Partner Violence in Family Court: Theory and Practice

RESOLVE Manitoba recently hosted a successful webinar entitled, *The Co-Occurrence of Parental Alienation Claims & Intimate Partner Violence in Family Court: Theory and Practice*, featuring speakers Dr. Peter Jaffe, Madam Justice Lore Munnwald, and Robynne Kazina, Family Lawyer and Partner, Taylor McCaffrey. The webinar outlined the controversies surrounding parenting disputes in family court and the inappropriate use of alienation. The multiple factors that may lie behind a child refusing or resisting parenting was discussed as well as the dilemmas for the family justice system to find differentiated parenting plans in these cases. The webinar also addressed the many reforms that the Court of Queen's Bench has made in the past three years to address systemic court delays that have created a barrier to justice for Manitoba families. The webinar recording can be accessed [here](#). Visit the [RESOLVE Manitoba website](#) to download the webinar slides.

Tech-Facilitated Violence: An Introduction Research Brief

The Tech-Facilitated Violence: An Introduction research brief explores the issue of facilitated violence and is based on the webinar, *Tech-Facilitated Violence: An Introduction* hosted by RESOLVE at the University of Manitoba with keynote speakers Jane Bailey (University of Ottawa, The eQuality Project) and Suzie Dunn (Dalhousie University, The eQuality Project). The research brief defines basic terms and definitions, provides an overview of tech-facilitated violence, examines the issue of tech-facilitated IPV, and provides practical tips for safety planning along with a list of useful resources. The research brief can be downloaded [here](#).

Introducing RESOLVE MB Research Assistant Kathleen McDonald

Kathleen is a Registered Social Worker with the Manitoba College of Social Work and the Ontario College of Social Worker and Social Service Workers. She has a Master's of Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Bachelor's of Social Work from Booth University College. Kathleen is currently a Play Therapy Intern with the Canadian Association of Play Therapists and has a Justice & Public Safety Certificate from Red River College.

Kathleen has worked in private practice since March 2020 and works with children, youth, young adults, and families. She works primarily using Play Therapy modalities, EMDR, attachment theory and cultural safety practices in the therapy process. Kathleen has a background in criminal justice and child development and has worked in the Youth Justice System in Probation Services for 12 years. She's also a seasonal instructor with the Bachelor of Social Work program with Booth University College and the University of Manitoba. Kathleen has been a Research Assistant with RESOLVE Manitoba since January of 2021.

Kathleen has worked on the project entitled *Caught in the Middle: Children's Involvement in the Court Process as it Relates to Intimate Partner Violence*, and she is currently writing a publication with Dr. Kendra Nixon in relation to this project. Kathleen is currently working on the *COVID-19 and the Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence Survivors and Service Providers* and the *Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities*.

RESOLVE MB Says Farewell to Élyse LeBlanc, BSW Field Placement Student

Élyse's placement with RESOLVE offered her a unique glimpse into the world of community-driven, action-oriented research and how it can help bridge the gap between politics, academia, and the "real world". What will stick with Élyse the most is just how connected intimate partner violence is to structural inequality, both in terms of survivors themselves and the responses to survivors, and how "bad" policy, which emerges from an oppressive system makes their lives and the jobs of frontline workers much more difficult. Being involved in the type of "bridging" work that RESOLVE does has given her a greater understanding of and appreciation for exactly how research can affect tangible change at the individual, community, and societal level, ultimately improving people's lives. RESOLVE Manitoba is grateful to have had the opportunity to mentor and work with Élyse and wish her the best.

Examining the Nature and Context of Intimate Partner Violence in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities Environmental Scan

The *Examining the Nature and Context of Intimate Partner Violence in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities* environmental scan reports on the findings, progress, and challenges available to 2SLGBTQ+ individuals in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta who have experienced IPV. The scan includes a listing of organizations and a brief description of the services they provide for each province. The scope of the scan includes telephone support lines, criminal justice services, shelter and housing, counselling and support services, and services related to parenting and children affected by IPV. Agencies and programs are listed under these categories. The environmental scan can be accessed [here](#).

Welcome to New Steering Committee Member Sara Davidson & Farewell to Shane Wepruk

RESOLVE Manitoba welcomes new Steering Committee member D/Sgt Sara Davidson. D/Sgt Sara Davidson has been a Police Officer with the Winnipeg Police Service for 19 years. Sara has enjoyed her career working in General Patrol, the Child Abuse Unit, Victim Services unit, HR, and most recently has been instructing at the Winnipeg Police Training Academy. Sara is D/Sgt Shane Wepruk's successor in the role of Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator, and will be working with Domestic Violence Investigators as well as overseeing a Pilot Project in partnership with Domestic Violence Support Services with Manitoba Justice.

RESOLVE Manitoba says farewell to Steering Committee member, D/Sgt Shane Wepruk and thanks him for his commitment and dedication to RESOLVE Manitoba and the Network over the past couple of years.

RESOLVE MB Project Updates

Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies

We have launched the environmental scan for the project with the updated information. The original scan included a listing of service providers across the three prairie provinces. The updated scan added more services, including sexual assault supports available in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. The final version of the environmental scan is available on the RESOLVE [website](#). All team members have provided inputs to the final draft of the literature review, and we aim to share the final version of the literature review in the coming weeks. The data collection has been challenging, and we continue to recruit participants, both survivors and service providers, for this research project across the three provinces. The team aims to finalize the data collection and preliminary analysis by August 2022. The development of the Geographic Information System (GIS) map is ongoing and will continue along with the data analysis and will serve as a visual communication tool for the final presentation of the findings.

COVID-19 and the Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence Survivors and Service Providers

Work on the Manitoba-based study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on intimate partner violence survivors and service providers has advanced in recent months. This mixed methodology study is a collaborative effort between RESOLVE Manitoba and Brandon University. A draft of the literature review was completed in fall 2021 and is currently being edited by members of the research team. A total of 15 interviews with survivors have been completed and there are plans to conduct 10-15 additional interviews with specific population groups (men, immigrants/refugees, Indigenous peoples, individuals residing in rural, remote, and Northern locations). Data collection for the service provider survey has concluded and the team is in the process of organizing follow-up focus groups. The project was granted a one-year extension (September 2022 complete date) due to delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Examining the Nature and Context of Intimate Partner Violence in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities

RESOLVE Manitoba is currently in the data collection phase. At present, the research team is conducting in-depth interviews with the first group of participants, as well as facilitating the ongoing recruitment of 2SLGBTQ+ victims/survivors and service providers. The project is a tri-provincial effort, in collaboration with RESOLVE offices in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and community partners Rainbow Resource Centre, Sagesse, and OUTSaskatoon. Upon completion, the project seeks to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of intimate partner violence amongst a diverse array of 2SLGBTQ+ communities and identify barriers to help-seeking that may occur.

Call Out for Research Participants for Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies Project

RESOLVE Manitoba is looking for volunteers to take part in a study of rural women's experiences as victims of violence in their intimate partner relationships, and their experiences of help-seeking. Participants must be adults (18 years or older), have experienced intimate partner violence (within the last 10 years), have been living in a rural area during their experiences of violence, and are no longer living with their abusive/intimate partner.

To participate in an interview, contact us at 204-890-1019 or masha.kardashevskaya@umanitoba.ca. For more information download the infographic [here](#).

Call Out for Research Participants for Examining the Nature and Context of Intimate Partner Violence in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities Project

RESOLVE Manitoba is looking for volunteers to take part in a study about experiences of intimate partner violence in 2SLGBTQ+ communities. Participants in the study must be adults (18 years or older), identify as a member of a 2SLGBTQ+ community, reside in Manitoba, Canada and have experienced intimate partner violence in the last 10 years (2011-2021) and currently in a safe situation free from violence.

To participate in an interview, please contact us at 1-833-946-1772 or email ashley.haller@umanitoba.ca. For more information download the infographic [here](#).

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RESOLVE Saskatchewan Update

RESOLVE SK Update from Dr. Karen Wood

As always, we have been busy at RESOLVE Saskatchewan. The slow and complicated emergence from COVID-19 safety measures continue to challenge us and our community partners. The RESOLVE Saskatchewan Talk 2021, a COVID-19 friendly alternative event that RESOLVE Saskatchewan offered in place of the annual RESOLVE Conference, was a success. Over 120 participants joined us in a fascinating and relevant talk by keynote speaker Candice Klein, followed by a brief, focused conversation about the deep rooted, structured, historical violence issuing from trauma in Prairie families and considering how we can collectively and individually, take action. A series of brief pre-recorded talks from each of the Prairie provinces was made available in advance of the keynote speaker. I want to thank each of the presenters for taking the time and effort to provide a pre-recorded talk on their related research and practice, and to Candice for her outstanding talk. [Read more.](#)

Introducing RESOLVE SK Research & Student Assistant Morgana Machea

It is a pleasure to introduce Morgana Machea (she/they), who started working with RESOLVE Saskatchewan in the 2019 fall term. They moved from Curitiba, Brazil to start the M.A. in Women's, Gender and Sexualities Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. Since then, they have been involved with RESOLVE in different ways: from environmental scans and website maintenance, to managing webinars and supporting Steering Committee member meetings. Currently they also manage RESOLVE SK's social media accounts on Instagram and Twitter.

Most recently, Morgana has become involved in the new RESOLVE SK Knowledge Mobilization Project titled *Three Short Films About Gendered Violence and Healing*. In "movie language", she's providing support tasks such as conducting meetings and scheduling progress. They feel excited about working on such an important project as it is an amazing opportunity to share the experience of learning while building relationships with community partners. Morgana is passionate about social justice and left Brazil for political reasons after the 2018 general elections. Hoping for Brazil to build more meaningful futures, Morgana aligned themself with decolonial feminisms, queer media studies, Indigenous feminisms and movements which are thinking and enacting different solutions to violence. Her thesis title is: *Indigenous Women's Social Media Activism Against Bolsonaro's Regime in Brazil*. Morgana hopes to graduate in 2022 and continue to grow their roots in Saskatchewan.

Understanding Spotlight on Steering Committee Member Dr. Brenda Anderson

Dr. Brenda Anderson, a long-standing and valued member of the RESOLVE Saskatchewan Steering Committee who is based in the department of Women's and Gender Studies and Religious Studies at Luther College in the University of Regina, has made substantial contributions towards ending violence against women. Dr. Anderson's work with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women goes beyond the classrooms – which are often at capacity – pushing herself and students to meaningfully engage in processes of decolonization, by grounding learning and research on the reality and experiences of the community. Dr. Anderson has recently co-edited the book *Global Femicide: Indigenous Women and Girls Torn from Our Midst*, 2nd edition, Open Source available [here](#). This book is an updated version of published proceedings from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Conference of 2008.

The way Dr. Anderson talks about research makes it difficult to place her work in a box. One might call her an "organic scholar", someone who aims at long-term relationship building grounded in trust. Dr. Anderson does not separate research, teaching, and community engagement from each other, rather she sees them as being beautifully interconnected, and embraces the multiple perspectives as a critical feminist methodology that strengthens research. In acknowledgement of her contributions to community-engaged research and education close to the Saskatchewan and Canada's Muslim community, Dr. Anderson recently received the Spiritual Service Award from the Regina Multi-Faith Forum.

Highlight on Community Partner Initiative

In partnership with Safe Places Swift Current, STOPS to Violence are promoting the **Respect in Sport Activity Leader program**, a training available to Saskatchewan leaders in the sport, culture, and recreation field, free of charge. Some of the topics included in the 2 hours long course are inclusive leadership, understanding and managing emotions, preventing, and addressing abuse, and the importance of bystander interventions. Please note, only 200 spots are available and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information visit the STOPS to Violence [website](#).

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Prairieaction

Prairieaction Survivors (PAF) is pleased to announce the re-opening of its **CARE Grant Program**. The CARE Grant Program promotes our goal to find and support community-based research into solutions to violence and abuse to keep our communities safe. The program funds action-oriented research driven by the community that leads to new initiatives to address violence and abuse, or recommendations for effective strategies or improved outcomes to alleviate and prevent violence and abuse.

*PAF funding is for research purposes only, not for operational or administrative costs for community-based organization or partner academic institutions.

Deadline for Letter of Intent is May 15, 2022.

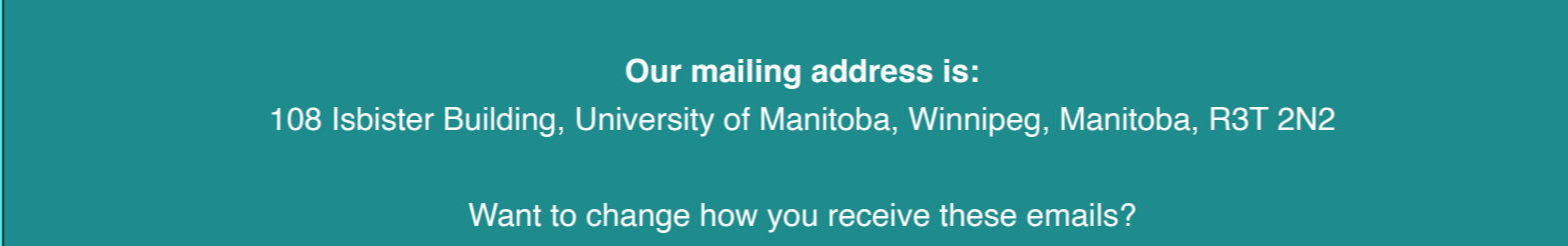
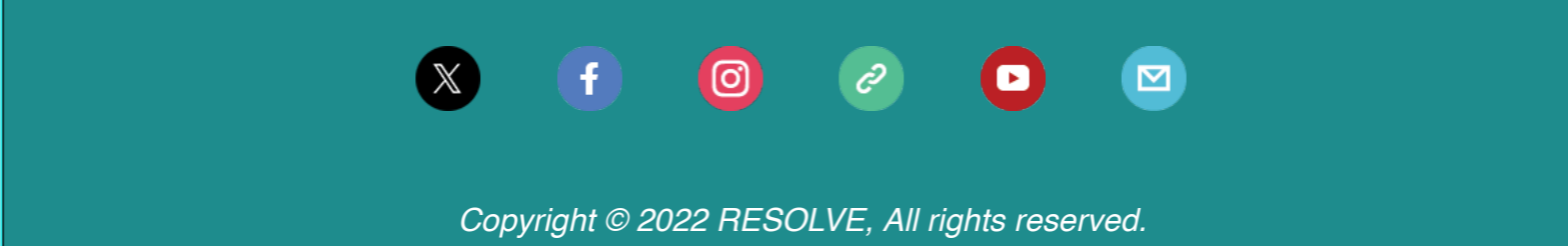
PAF will now be accepting **Education and Awareness grants**. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Education and Awareness grants aim to increase knowledge and understanding about violence and abuse, and to promote awareness and discussions in the community.

For more information on CARE and Education and Awareness grants, please visit PAF's website www.prairieaction.ca.

Upcoming Events

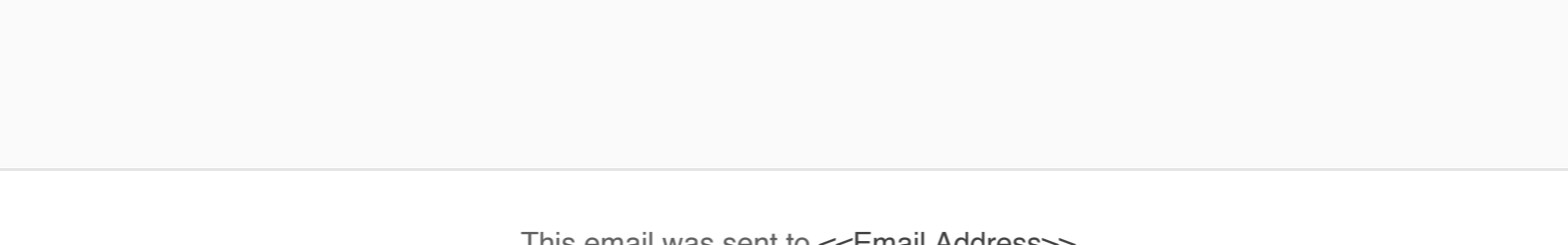
2022 Child & Youth Trauma Symposium
May 18-19, 2022 | Location: Online | [Register](#)

Community Agency of the ATTACH™ Intervention
May 27, 2022 | 12:00-1:00 pm EST | Location: Zoom | [Register](#)



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