What is the “Family Violence and the Law” training about?
This is a training program that explores various social, economic, criminal law and family law issues related to family violence.

It was developed by the Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS-NB), in partnership with the Women’s Issues Branch, Executive Council of New Brunswick. The project was funded by Justice Canada and piloted in seven New Brunswick communities in 2005-2006. The response to the training has been extremely positive and a formal evaluation has established it as “better practice” in family violence prevention and community capacity building. The training is now being made available nationwide.

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Participants who take the train-the-trainer workshops will be able to use the training package to deliver training to others in their sector.

What is the cost of the training?
The cost per person will depend on the extent of the training that is provided. A 1 1/2 days of training on the basic eight modules, can be made available at $100 per participant. PLEIS will negotiate rates for other variations on the training.

How can I arrange for training in my community?
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• You will learn about family and criminal law issues that may be important to understand and share with abused women.
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• You will learn about the complex issues surrounding personal safety of victims.
• You will learn how to develop policies and practices in your own agencies or lives that promote empathy, respect and the importance of non-silencing judgment while intervening in women abuse cases.
• You will learn techniques for working with family violence networks in your region to help develop more effective, woven networks of support for victims “family violence.”
• You will be the value of pooling resources to collectively promote a unique approach, more positive outcomes, and finally, a process of sustainable community development to addressing both the safety, social, economic and law information needs of abused rural women.

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How is the training structured?
The training is offered in groups of 12 to 18 people. It is divided into a series of eight modules and is delivered over one and half days using adult learning techniques. That means lots of exercises, discussion, and role playing, rather than just listening to lectures. Depending on the characteristics of your workplace or community, we can easily tailor the modules by omitting those that do not apply, and spending more time on modules that offer new information and resources for your work. On request, we can create new modules that focus on unique issues encountered in your particular sector, such as law enforcement or healthcare providers. The training is delivered in a “train-the-trainer” format so that once completed, you will have the tools to train others in your sector, workplace, or your community.

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