

# Family Violence and the Law

## Train-the-Trainer



### 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 Office. 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 to interested government and non-profit service providers, community groups and people whose jobs or volunteer work bring them into contact with abused women

*"... this was the best training program that I have attended in 20 years..."*  
**Participant, Atlantic Evaluation Group Inc.**

### What is the goal of the training?

The goal is to assist service providers, particularly those in rural areas who may not have easy access to information and resources, to deliver a quality response to woman abuse through knowledge and awareness of how law related issues can impact on all levels of the decision-making and perceived options of women struggling to deal with violence in their personal relationship. The goal is to give service providers, and community helpers, the tools and confidence to provide women with accurate and appropriate law information, with a specific focus on what women should know if they are leaving a violent relationship.

*"...it (the workshop) was absolutely fantastic, the materials, the tool box, the networking..."*  
**Participant, Atlantic Evaluation Group Inc**

### What can I expect to learn?

- You will learn about the prevalence of family violence, the theories and definitions of abuse, and the possible impacts of family violence on abused women and their children;
- You will learn about some of the unique and complex situations and barriers that relate to differences of gender, race, culture, sexual orientation and ability;
- You will learn about the new Woman Abuse Protocols and how they create a more consistent and holistic approach to dealing with abused women;

- You will learn about both family and criminal law issues that may be important to understand and share with abused women;
- 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 suspending judgment while intervening in woman abuse cases;
- You will learn techniques for working with family violence networks in your region to help develop more effective, woman-centred responses for victims of family violence;
- You will be learn 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.

### Who is the training for?

The training is designed for service providers, community-based agencies and people who come into contact with victims of intimate partner violence. It should be of interest to transition house staff, police, hospital staff, doctors, public health nurses, mental health staff, social workers, faith community leaders, family violence networks, and so on. Participants who take the train-the-trainer workshops will be able to use the training package to deliver training to others in their sector.

### 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 are not necessary, and spending more time on modules that offer new information and resources for your audience. On request, we can create new modules that focus on unique issues encountered by a particular sector, such as law enforcement or

*"...I really liked the community focus, involving the community, this kind of work is certainly moving in the right direction..."*  
**Atlantic Evaluation Group Inc**

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. The community development component of the training is structured to help communities create a more coordinated response to assisting abused women. Participant,

### What materials come with the training?

- Facilitator's binder that includes instructions to help you hone your facilitation skills. All of the training modules are included in the facilitator's binder, as well as the "canned" speaker/facilitator's presentation notes, and a participant's handbook.
- PowerPoint presentation and a resource section.
- Participant's handbook, which includes all the exercises and handouts.
- A CD-ROM with the entire contents of the binders
- A "law box" full of family violence and family law pamphlets, booklets and resources.

*"...the (facilitator's) manual was very thorough and comprehensive... there was a lot of good, up-to-date information in it... there were good exercises, and it was easy to use..."*  
**Participant, Atlantic Evaluation Group Inc**

### What is the cost of the training?

The cost per person will depend on the extent of the training that is provided. A 1 ½ 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?

Fill in the application form below and fax or mail it to Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick. We require at least 12 people to participate in the training. Consider who would be interested in having the training in your community or work place and contact us about the arrangements. When appropriate, a local group may be asked to help host the training, identify participants, and assist with local arrangements.

### Family Violence and the Law Train-the-Trainer

(Please detach and fax, or mail this form to PLEIS-NB at the address below.)

#### I am requesting family violence and the law training for:

- my workplace
- a community network
- my organization or group

#### I would like

- 8 modules over 1 1/2 days
- selected modules over a half day
- selected modules over one day session
- training that integrates a new module to cover unique issues in my sector.

My sectors is \_\_\_\_\_

The number of people expect to participate is: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested date(s) for training: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of training: \_\_\_\_\_

The organization/agency who might help host the training is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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