

## Community Based Victim Services

- This service is for adult, teen and child victims of sexualized assault, sexualized abuse, partner assaults, criminal and sexual harassment.
- Information and assistance concerning reports to the RCMP, Court procedures, Victim Impact Statements and Crime Victim Assistance Program are provided.
- Provide emotional and practical support and accompaniment to court hearings.

## Counselling Services

- Staff and trained volunteers provide counselling, support and information to survivors of all types of sexual violence including historical childhood sexualized abuse, and survivors of partner assault.
- Child and Youth counsellors provide counselling for children and teens, including those with special needs.

## Education and Prevention

Our agency believes in the importance of education programs to raise awareness on the issues of sexual abuse/assault and battering, and we are able to offer some programs each year.

Due to limited resources, honorariums are gratefully accepted for public presentations.

## Psycho-Educational Groups

- Girls' groups and boys' groups address issues in age-appropriate and trauma-sensitive formats. Group topics may include problem-solving, peer interactions, and respectful relationships. (With need and as resources allow)

### Parent Information and Support Groups

- Our Parent Psycho-Educational Groups are aimed at helping parents be able to better respond and help their children and family members after abuse has occurred. (With need and as resources allow)

### Adult Relationship/Survivors Group

- Relationship groups address issues of healthy/unhealthy relationships with partners, family, and friends, and the impacts that being a survivor of abuse often has on those relationships.

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## Violence Against Women

- 51% of Canadian women experience at least one incident of male violence after the age of sixteen.
- The highest rate of violence (59%) in Canada is reported by women in BC.
- One in three BC women is assaulted by her husband or partner.
- Children 'witness' the abuse in 40% of violent relationships.
- One in three women in violent relationships fears for her life due to the harshness of the violence.

## Sexual Assault

- Sexual assault is a crime of violence. Offenders use sexual violence to control their victims, to express anger and feel powerful.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 males will be victims of sexual assault at some time in their lives.
- 83% of women who have been sexually assaulted know their attacker and 80% of rapes occur in a private home.
- Offenders are males in over 95% of the cases.
- Sexual assault is committed more frequently and reported to police less than any other violent crime.

## Child Sexual Abuse

- Child sexualized abuse occurs when a person responsible for a child's care uses the child, or allows the child to be used, for sexual purposes. Sexualized abuse can range from touching of a sexual nature to sexual intercourse.
- Sexualized abuse also includes voyeurism, exhibitionism, exploiting a child for pornographic purposes, making a child available sexually to other older youth or adults, exposing a child to adult sexual behaviour, or showing a child inappropriate sexual material.
- Children under the age of 14 years cannot legally give consent to any sexual activity
- Teens 14 to 16 years of age can legally give consent to persons less than 2 years older than themselves.
- By age seventeen, 11% of boys and 24% of girls in Canada, have been victims of rape or coercive sex.
- 64% of reported sexual assaults in Canada are committed against children.
- 85% of the time, the offender is someone the child knows, such as a close family friend, relative or neighbor.
- 30% of sexual assaults against children are committed by teens.
- Offenders are males in 97% of the cases.

## Stalking

- Stalking is the act of repeatedly following, watching, harassing or threatening someone.
- Stalking can happen at the person's home or workplace, by telephone or through the mail or on the internet. It is important to keep a record of **ALL** contacts and incidents of stalking behaviours.
- If you are being stalked, our agency can help by providing support and information.

## Sexual Harassment

- Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual aggressiveness.
- It happens most often in the work place or schools and can include leering, inappropriate sexual language and demands for sexual activity.
- Over 80% of women in the workforce experience harassment at some point in their working lives.
- The law says that an employer is responsible for a harassment-free workplace.
- If you have questions about sexual harassment, our agency can help.

**Our services are free and available to anyone regardless of race, special needs, sexual orientation, or gender.**

**We guarantee strict confidentiality.**