

Sexualized Violence Prevention Program

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Presentation outline



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Sexualized Violence Prevention Program



- ✓ This is a community-based program designed to mobilize and build stronger community responses to support victims/survivors of sexual violence and to encourage community members of all ages to take a role in preventing and responding to sexual violence against all indigenous people, in a trauma-informed and culturally appropriate way,.
- ✓ Effective consultation work with indigenous communities and organizations across Nova Scotia in order to develop and facilitate training on sexualized violence prevention and other workshops to improve the communities ability to respond and address sexualized violence.

The Coordinators Program: Goals and Objectives

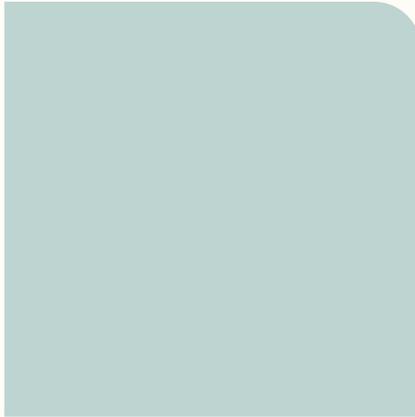


- Network with all NS Mi'kmaq Communities, organizations, services, partners and steering committees
- Create and implement 2 prevention strategies for Sexualized violence and human trafficking for our indigenous people
- Create and Conduct workshops, training sessions and programs
- Guide survivors in accessing available resources
- Advocate on behalf of victims needs
- Create programs to increase awareness and response to Sexualized violence
- Assist local NSNWA chapters in mobilizing communities
- Represent NSNWA on relevant committees and working groups

Sexualized Violence facts and numbers



- Aboriginal women 15 years and older are 3.5 times more likely to experience violence than non-Aboriginal women and 5.5 times more likely to die as a result of violence.
- 54% of Aboriginal women reported severe forms of family violence, such as being beaten, being choked, having had a gun or knife used against them, or being sexually assaulted, versus 37% of non-Aboriginal women
- Approximately 75% of survivors of SA in our communities are young women under the age of 18. Approximately 50% are under 14 years of age and 25% are under 7 years of age.
- Victims/survivors of sexual assault are less likely to report to police than other crimes so the number of police reports under-represents the frequency of assaults. The 2009 General Social Survey found that 88 per cent of sexual assaults in Canada were not reported to police.
- In 2010, 682 assaults were reported to police in Nova Scotia. About 84 per cent of the victims/survivors were women.
- In 2007, the rate of reported sexual assaults in Nova Scotia was 75 per 100,000 people compared to the national rate of 65 per 100,000 people.
- The rate of reported sexual assault victimization for women (118 per 100,000 women) is almost five times higher than men (24 per 100,000 men).
- From 2006 to 2010, 3,541 sexual assault victims/survivors reported to police in Nova Scotia. About 85 per cent of the victims/survivors were women and 15 per cent were men.
- In 2007, sexual assaults were 7.7 per cent of all police-reported violent offences in the Nova Scotia.



Sexualized Violence is....

Sexual Violence (SV) refers to sexual activity where consent is not obtained or freely given. It occurs any time a person is forced, coerced or manipulated into any unwanted sexual activity.

- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Incest
- Sexual Exploitation
- Unwanted or Inappropriate Sexual Contact
- Sexual Harassment
- Exposure
- Threats
- Stalking/Cyberstalking
- Peeping

Standing Together Grant: Ending Violence Starts with Me

Standing Together grants help community groups and organizations test new, innovative ideas, and explore best practices for preventing domestic violence, supporting victims, and changing outcomes for women, girls, families, and communities.

- The project intends to prevent violence against Mi'kmaq women by using intergenerational learning and cultural reintegration to strengthen sense of self and belonging.
- To strengthen our individual and collective understanding of ourselves and people. This project will focus on men, boys and 2 spirited youth where will be hosting 2 gatherings throughout the project timeline.



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