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Peel Institute on Violence Prevention (PIVP)

Highlights of 2017

As Year 2017 comes to a close, The Peel Institute on Violence Prevention (PIVP) would like to pause and reflect on our achievements over the past 12 months, and the valuable lessons we learned from things that didn't go quite as expected.

We published several excellent pieces of work related to violence prevention in Peel and strengthened partnerships across the Region through training and research. The year also witnessed the growth of the Institute financially, as we secured three sources of support.

It was a challenging year. As a research institute, we worked diligently to bring about necessary change. We worked on improving trauma training and on services for vulnerable populations, including women survivors of human trafficking, refugees, and newcomers. Change is very slow, but it is happening.

We extend our gratitude to the members of the Governance Committee, for the contributions you've made to the Peel Institute on Violence Prevention, and to the Region of Peel.

Ongoing Initiatives

- a) Governance Committee met four times during the year. Participation and commitment to work with PIVP remain high
- b) Three PIVP Newsletters were published this year focusing on: (1) women's rights, (2) male survivors of violence and (3) International Women's Day. Aida Carlos, one of the volunteers at PIVP, has worked diligently on publishing the Newsletters, sharing editorial responsibilities and preparing articles
- c) Several funding proposals were submitted this year. Three of them were successful:
 - ✓ Canadian Women's Foundation (1 year Project) Voices of Refugee Women from the Middle East: Strategies for Violence Prevention.
 - ✓ Ontario Trillium Foundation (3 year Project) Reducing the impact of trauma in the community through improving seamless care and services in the Region of Peel
 - ✓ Ministry of Community and Social Services (2 ½ year project) A Survivor Centered Approach to Building Capacity to Address Human Trafficking in Peel
- d) Student Placements. We welcomed 15 students this year from the following universities and community colleges: Faculty of Nursing, York University, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Faculty of Nursing, Trent University, University of Ottawa, Sheridan College, Seneca College and San Gabriel Learning Centre.
- e) Volunteers. Five volunteers committed many hours toward working with PIVP. They supported the design of newsletters, literature reviews, outreach into refugee communities and participation in advisory groups for specific projects.
- f) Peer Review Manuscripts for Common Grounds – Diversity Journal and Pan American Journal of Public Health

Presentations

- (1) Freedom from Slavery: A Survivor Centered Approach to Eradicate Human Trafficking in Peel. April 2017
- (2) Longevity Strategy for Later Life Engagement: The impact of the Determinants of Health. June 8, 2017
- (3) Middle Eastern Refugee Women: A Pathway to Violence Prevention. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference. October 18 -19 2017, London, Ontario.

Publications

- (1) In the Quest for Equity: Violence against Women and Conscientization through dialogue from a paternalistic to a symbiotic relation with government. Macedo E. Ecos de Freire o Pensamiento Feminista: Dialogos and Esclarecimientos. Paulo Freire Institute of Portugal. Porto 2017.
- (2) New Road to Anti- Racism, Anti-oppression, and Equity Services for Survivors of Violence –Significance of Determinants of Health. The International Journal of Organizational Diversity. 2017, www.ondiversity.com

Projects Completed

1. Identifying Gaps in Data Collection Practices of Peel Agencies that Serve Survivors of Interpersonal Violence. April 2017
2. Violence against Women: A Public Health Concern. October 2017

Projects in Progress

Ontario Trillium Foundation Project –Trauma Screening Training

- First Draft of Literature Review on Trauma Screening prepared
- Trauma Training delivered to all staff at Family Services of Peel
- Trauma Training delivered to 15 staff at Catholic Cross Cultural Services
- Trauma Training Evaluation FSP first phase, pre and post analysis and report completed
- Developed first draft of Trauma Screening Manual

Ministry of Community and Social Services – Human Trafficking Project

- Advisory Committee established with approved Terms of Reference and meeting schedule
- Signed consulting agreement with Raising Angels –Human Trafficking Survivors Network
- First Draft of Literature Review on Human Trafficking prepared and poster finished
- First Report on data regarding Human Trafficking finished

Canadian Women’s Foundation Project

- Advisory Committee Established
- Flyer, survey, confidentiality statement and agendas translated into Arabic language
- Three focus group discussions, each with 12 participants, were completed