

Appendix C
Community Safety Investment
Descriptions of 2009 Recommended Projects

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services: Stepping Up to the Plate: Developing Best Practices to Address Issues of Violence & Community Safety for Trans, Lesbian and Bisexual Newcomer, Immigrant and Refugee Women

The project works to address experiences of violence and promote safety for newcomer trans, lesbian and bisexual immigrant and refugee women. This project addresses issues of vulnerability to racialized violence and gender violence in this community and the inability to access adequate and appropriate support from ethno-specific and mainstream organizations. The project works to raise the awareness of safety issues facing this community through expressive arts and to develop service models to address their needs. The goal of the project is that trans, lesbian and bisexual newcomer, immigrant and refugee women will be able to explore their experiences of violence, build resiliency, create a support system, and connect to services and supports, as well as to be able to have input in the development of services that are currently lacking.

This funding is for year 2 of a 2 year project. In year one the project developed materials for focus groups, completed a literature review, developed partnerships, completed research interviews, and completed outreach for focus groups. Year two activities include: workshops, training sessions for service providers, and production and distribution of the best practice tool, including the public presentation of the tool.

Agincourt Community Services Association: Preventing Domestic Violence - The Chester Le Community Approach

The project works to build on the foundation that has been laid by the Chester Le Community Coalition through the establishment of the Chester Le Community Corner to promote community safety in Chester Le. The project aims to equip equity seeking groups such as women with disabilities, immigrant women, low-income women of colour and disadvantaged youth with the knowledge, skills and confidence to prevent or address domestic violence. The project will be located in the Chester Le community and its surrounding areas.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3 year project. In year one the project established its committee, conducted workshops and discussion groups, formed the Habibi's Girl Group, established the Women's Support Group, and public education activities. Year two activities include: delivering workshops, training animators, conducting a community forum, and advocacy and partnership building.

Arts Etobicoke: urbanNOSIE Interactive CD-ROM

The project works to address the cause/effect and prevention of youth crime in the Jamestown/Rexdale neighbourhood. This project involves 50 at-risk youth who will

work to create a series of scenarios that lead to youth crime. These scenarios will be designed with multiple plot points and endings to demonstrate how certain behaviours lead to crime. The pieces will be written, directed, acted and videotaped by the youth in order to provide youth with the necessary tools to change their actions to avoid future crime. The project goal is to train youth to understand what the risk factors of crime are, how it can be prevented, and how to share this information with other youth.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project developed the curriculum, hired a trainer and secured facilities. In year two, the project will recruit 12 more youth and start to develop the scripts. The youth will shoot and edit the video and as a result, a full CD ROM will be produced and presented at the urbanNOISE Festival to 2,000 attendees. Activities include curriculum development, outreach to the community, youth recruitment and training, network with local partners, workshops, script writing, video shooting and a festival. Project partners include Expect Theatre.

Bereaved Families of Ontario – Toronto: Grief Matters - A Community Directed Healing-through-connection Project

This project works to strengthen the capacity of the Jane/Finch neighbourhood and its community members, to provide grief education and support to bereaved children, youth and their families. Through the peer/mutual support model, community members will learn to provide support to other grieving people in their community. Community members will receive resources, tools and strategies for appropriate and effective grief support through skill development and knowledge transfer workshops. The project will be carried out in three stages: engaging the community; community strategizing; and community sustaining. Activities will include the formation of a steering committee, orientation and training on issues of grief and loss to participants, community engagement, workshops, a website, a youth manual and evaluation.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one the project formed a steering committee, launched the project with a public event, delivered training, presentations and workshops, and developed a youth manual. Year two activities include: support for guiding and maintaining the steering committee, public education activities, resource development, and delivery of workshops and training.

Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association: Elder Abuse Prevention for Mandarin Speaking Immigrants

This three-year project works to educate the Mandarin speaking community about the issue of elder abuse to empower at-risk seniors or victims to protect themselves, access community resources and develop community awareness. In year one the organization designed, compiled and printed elder abuse educational materials and resources for dissemination into the community, Mandarin workshops, elder abuse scripts and performances in conjunction with elder abuse workshops, and presentations on community resources for newcomer seniors were delivered. In year two, the organization continued to educate the Mandarin speaking community by producing elder abuse

educational packages, developing the Mandarin Elder Abuse Skit Club, outreaching to isolated seniors to provide workshops and presentations. The project designed and provided training to staff and volunteers to better serve Mandarin speaking seniors and consolidated existing partnerships with peer agencies to promote elder abuse prevention.

This funding is for the final year of a 3-year project. In year three, the project will organize an 'Elder Abuse Prevention Education Forum', deliver service based education sessions, coordinate and conduct a 'Speakers' Bureau' on elder abuse issues, continue to develop the Mandarin Elder Abuse Skit Club and to consolidate existing partnerships with peer agencies to promote elder abuse prevention.

Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (C.I.L.T.): Safe Engaged Communities

This project works to build bridges and understanding between different disability sectors to identify common barriers to community safety, develop community capacity and prepare an action plan to bring about system-level change. The focus community will include individuals with physical, intellectual and mental health disabilities as well as their advocates and supporters. The project will provide a forum for mutual support, leadership, issues identification and skills development in project management. It will also provide a concrete opportunity to work across the disability sector resulting in increased collaboration and a stronger voice for marginalized people with disabilities.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project completed outreach and the development of a steering committee, delivered training sessions, and developed a community safety network. Year two activities include: research coordination, enhance the established network and maintain existing activities, conduct educational sessions, completion of the Community Safety Action Plan and Report, and advocacy activities.

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter: Chinese Parents Against Child Abuse

The project works to educate the general public in the Chinese Canadian community that child abuse and neglect in Canada is a crime. The train-the-trainer program will educate newcomer Chinese parents about Canadian policies and responsibilities around child abuse prevention. The goal of the project is to build capacity among individual members of the Chinese community as well as to provide resources to partner agencies that are currently working on this issue or providing social services to the Chinese community in Toronto. Project activities include research, write, translate and publish information about child abuse for website and booklet, workshops, a training manual on child abuse prevention, outreach and recruitment of 20 participants per year (focus on Mandarin speaking newcomers from mainland China) and training sessions.

Community Living Toronto: Community Safety Project

This project will address issues of violence prevention for women with intellectual disabilities who are living independently and are involved with an adult protective service

worker in the Toronto. This project consists of a six week workshop for participants on common safety issues, prevention strategies and provides individual risk assessment and safety plans. This will allow women to have personalized safety plans and will emphasize developing relationships with community supports in their neighbourhood. Other key organizations working with women with intellectual disabilities will receive the training tools, allowing the information to reach the target group around the city. The goal of this project is to minimize the risk of violence for women who have an intellectual disability and are living independently in the community and build community capacity to better support women with intellectual disabilities in the areas of violence prevention. Although women with intellectual disabilities are living independently and functioning well, they are vulnerable and resources available do not meet their needs. Project activities include: designing and delivering the workshop; individual risk assessments; developing safe networks for individuals; outreach with community organizations and the creation of training tools for distribution to other organizations to inform ongoing work in a variety of programs.

Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview (CMS-D): Iranian Family Well-Being Project - Tarhe Behrouzi Khanevadeh

This project works to increase the Iranian community's capacity to address issues of family violence using a culturally sensitive, education-based prevention model. Using a pool of trained peer mentors and a toolkit of relevant research and project material, the project will establish an easily transferable model of sustainable resources for the Iranian community to address its own needs. Health care service providers and social service agencies will be better informed about the issue of violence within the Iranian community in order to provide counselling and develop a core of trained community volunteers to lead workshops. The goals of the project include: create community capacity to better manage issues of family violence and abuse and build a clearer understanding of the issue in the Iranian community. Project activities include presentations, discussion groups, training, workshops, print materials, a website and a confidential telephone line.

In year one the project made various presentations to Iranian community service workers and to the public through media. Referrals to appropriate resources were made to Iranian community members experiencing tensions in their relationships. In year two, the project will expand the core project advisory group, conduct presentations to identified groups, develop and operate a website, recruit and train volunteers, develop partnership opportunities with health care service providers and large institutions in Toronto.

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA): South Asians Youth STEP UP to Violence

This project is a peer-based youth-driven violence prevention project. The project works to build a safe community space where youth peer leaders will lead neighbourhood and issue based violence prevention workshops. As a result, the project will generate dialogue, enhance awareness and community investments in creating a safe, engaged and

health community. The goals of the project include: to develop youth leadership in the South Asian community around violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the South Asian community around violence prevention. Led by a community/issue focused advisory committee, the project will recruit 10-12 diverse south Asian youth and engage them in a series of in-depth information and skills based training workshops resulting in building their capacity to create their own community workshops. Youth peer leaders will then engage their community and mainstream organizations through workshops/events. This will generate dialogue around needs of South Asian youth to mobilize and build resources to achieve a youth-led violence prevention model for the South Asian community. Project activities include youth engagement, curriculum development, service coalition development, responsive practices to service delivery, training, evaluation and creation of a service coalition guidebook.

Delta Family Resource Centre: Community Safety Project

The project works to promote safe neighbourhoods by building the capacity of families and residents through skills development workshops and a community forum highlighting positive relationships, life skills and the design of local strategies to prevent violence. The model, "Neighbours Helping Neighbours", facilitates safety, crime/violence prevention workshops throughout the community; develop local community safety, crime/prevention strategies; organize an annual community seminar/forum on violence prevention; and celebrate the contributions of residents, volunteers and businesses in the prevention of violence.

The funding is for year 3 of a 3 year project. In year one the project completed a need analysis, established a planning group, developed a violence prevention program, and established partnerships with stakeholders to deliver workshops in the community. In year two the project delivered workshops to parents from local schools, co-facilitated the SAFE program in partnership with Black Creek Community Health Centre, developed a planning group to address the issue of violence targeting girls, and developed recommendations on how to best integrate educational and preventative approaches to addressing violence within the current safe-schools policy and activities. In year three, activities will include: developing ongoing partnerships; workshops engaging resident and tenant groups; organizing the 1st Annual Safety Forum; and the development, presentation and distribution of the 1st edition of the Community Safety Manual.

Dixon Hall: Saturday Night Program

This project works to provide community-sanctioned safe meeting places and activity space for up to 40 at risk youth, and to provide activities and positive role models for youth that are involved in gang/drug-related criminal activities. The project will outreach to youth from ages 13-25 who are not involved in regular community activities. The project is the result of a collaboration of 6 agencies. Each agency will provide youth workers to staff the program and will take a role in operating weekend programming. This programming will provide an alternative option to existing gang clubhouses by

providing a gathering place where youth have access to youth centred programs, activities, and new opportunities for community engagement.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project offered weekly activities for youth, peer leadership activities and support for youth workers. Year two activities build on the success of year one and include: weekly youth programming; youth worker service coordination; collaborative service model development; youth leadership; youth retreats; and peer mentorship.

East Scarborough Storefront: Community Safety Strategy

This project works to develop a community-wide safety strategy building on the capacity of residents and front line workers to create safe places and respond effectively to issues that threaten neighbourhood safety. The project aims to address the themes of safety awareness and education for residents, skill building for staff and coordinated local solutions to local problems. The goals of this project are: to engage residents of Kingston/Galloway on issues of community safety and to keep safety issues at the forefront of all community initiatives; to engage service providers (staff, board members, volunteers) and service users on the Safety Protocol and how to handle critical incidents; to support youth workers to be better prepared to deal with issues stemming from community violence; and to have members of the Kingston/Galloway community better equipped to respond to safety issues and to be recognized as a leader in community safety. Project activities include: engaging residents on preventing and responding to neighbourhood safety issues; developing and maintaining the Community Safety Protocol; and enhancing front-line worker's skills and support for one and other.

Harbourfront Community Association: Sharing Peer Expertise in Youth Violence and Community Safety

In response to recent serious incidents of violence involving community youth, Harbourfront Community Centre (HCC) and its community partners will work collectively to reduce violence, increase safety of vulnerable groups including youth-at-risk and provide educational tools for frontline workers to respond to local safety/violence issues. The project works to develop a support network of youth workers (including project managers); a series of workshops delivered by subject matter experts (SME's) including peers with crisis response experience; and an Emergency Response Guide for Youth Workers. The Guide will include: intervention strategies; agency protocols; crisis management; follow-up procedures; response-team roles; action plans; peer support/SME resources and youth/staff/community post-event support tools. Project partners include Dixon Hall, Front Line Partners with Youth Network, Hispanic Development Council, Lakeshore Area Multi-Service Project, Scadding Court Community Centre, St. Stephen's Community House and Syme Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre. Project activities include workshops, training modules development, an Emergency Response Guide, presentations and information sharing.

Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line: My Identity is NOT a Punchline

This project will work on issues of violence prevention through active and extensive promotion of the Youthline's services and their online community. With a March 2009 re-launch of the Youthline website, a range of resources, opportunities and activities will engage the LGBTTIQQ2 youth (both volunteers and service users) in raising awareness about homophobia and violence, personal and community affirmation and empowerment and acquiring tools to support peer led action towards safer schools and communities. The goal of this project is to plan and develop web-based resources and volunteer training focused on the prevention of homophobic violence towards youth, and best practices in responding to and preventing homophobic violence. Project activities include: outreach; volunteer development; training; and resource development.

Reh'Ma Community Services: Shifting The Burdens From Women to Abuser

This project will reach out to Muslim and South Asian women and men from Thorncliffe Park, Flemmingdon Park and Victoria Village and train them as peer educators who focus on raising awareness of women's experience of coping with domestic abuse. The peer educators will be trained to deliver workshops in the target communities as well as launching a week long domestic abuse campaign highlighting the experience of woman abuse. The goal of this project is to engage Muslim and South Asian communities in informed dialogues and actions to raise awareness on the issue of domestic abuse, with focus on prevention. Activities include: the recruitment and training of peer educators; community workshops; promotional and educational posters; and articles on domestic abuse.

Rexdale Community Health Centre: The Ungana Project

This project works to address the need for a coordinated response to youth violence and prevention in Rexdale. The Coalition of Rexdale Organisations for the Prevention of Youth Violence (CORO-PYV) is a recently formed body of service providers in Rexdale that came together to address the issue of youth violence in Jamestown. The project seeks support for a project coordinator to develop a coordinated, integrated, responsive and comprehensive model of service planning to address the ongoing issue of youth violence in Rexdale. Objectives of the project include: creating a map of services and programs for youth in Rexdale; service gap analysis; investigating and documenting models of coordinated service delivery that are geared towards the prevention of youth violence; developing practice guidelines, protocols and system requirements that can further enhance the work of the coalition; and implementing the model with agreement from the coalition members. Activities include research, planning, training, model development, service planning, toolkit development and evaluation.

Due to personnel changes at the agency, the project started late. In year one, the project brought together existing and new coalition members and kick-started with the map of services and began service gap analysis. The project also established contacts and worked with a number of service providers to gather information on their

services/programs. A forum was organized for service providers serving youth in the community to discuss issues, network and share information on programs. In year two, the project will focus on research, document various service models, audit services, and consult youth and service providers. The project will select one model to pilot and develop recommendations for practice guidelines, protocols and system requirements. As a result, an action plan will be developed to improve programs and partnerships in the Rexdale community.

San Romanoway Revitalization Association: Healthy Relationships, Healthy Choices

The project works to provide support to pregnant and parenting teenagers who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing relationship violence. The program will be offered twice a week. The self-support group will promote safety and provide information that will increase the knowledge of risk factors, and also focus on life skills issues such as stress, healthy relationships, family violence and self-esteem. All components of this project will operate from a violence prevention model. Activities include violence prevention activities for teen mothers with a focus on life-skills development and positive alternative life choices. An advisory committee made up of up to five teen moms will meet bi-monthly to help set the direction of the project and to develop their leadership skills. The project will assist the young mothers to return to school or to acquire job skills and job training to ensure they have choices in their lives.

In year one, the project established an advisory committee, drafted its terms of reference and trained its participants. It added an evening positive parenting/anger management and educational component to the project. Twelve of the participants returned to school to complete their grade 12, and four of those had completed all required credits and had applied to college for September 2008. In year two, the project continued to work with pregnant and parenting teenagers who were at risk and were experiencing violence in their relationships; provide the supports needed to enhance participants' lives and those of their children, including twice weekly groups focused on life skills, poverty, educational goals marginalization and unemployment, individual counselling and educational workshops. As a result, a self support group of mothers and a fathers group was established.

In year three the project will work with the self-support group twice weekly. The self-support group will promote safety and provide information that increases the knowledge of risk factors which may influence pre and post natal health for babies and mothers as it relates to violence. The self support group will also focus on life skills issues such as stress, healthy relationships, family violence and self-esteem issues. The fathers group will focus on parenting skills and developing a positive relationship with the child's mother. The outreach component of this project will consist of a part time worker who will contact and support isolated pregnant and parenting teenagers who are at risk of violence and provide them with referrals and support.

Scarborough Access Centre (SAC): A Family Violence Project

This project works to promote safety and to empower women and children fleeing domestic violence by creating an effective and efficient coordinated centre of support and services in Scarborough. This "Storefront" model, resulting from the collaboration of service providers, would allow a woman who is fleeing domestic violence to access a range of services through a single phone call or drop-in. The goals of the project are: to provide on-site access to services and supports in one centralized location staffed by representatives from a variety of social service and government agencies including community services, sexual assault and domestic violence, health care, legal supports, shelter and housing supports, counsellors, advocates, and police; to provide access, by referral, to additional collaborating agencies including child welfare services and other social service agencies unable to commit a staff person to the site. Activities include developing resources, tools, and materials such as promotional information, a memorandum of understanding, a strategic plan, terms of reference and evaluation tools. The service partnerships will be coordinated, strengthened and managed by SAC.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one the project developed its mission statement and terms of reference, completed outreach to member organizations, researched and developed the models for delivery of this type of large inter-sectoral, interagency partnership, organized and facilitated a planning session, and explored sustainability options. Year two activities include ongoing community outreach and partnership building, the development of a service delivery plan, centre launch and starting operations and, ongoing sustainability planning.

Scarborough Women's Centre: Building Strong Futures: The Young Women's Outreach Project

This project works to help young women become aware of violence and abuse in dating relationships. The project will consist of providing educational workshops covering topics on violence, self-esteem, and healthy relationships both at the program location at 6 high schools in Scarborough as well as a mentoring program and a peer outreach group. The goal of this project is to empower young women to build positive relationships and explore their opportunities for success at school and work which reduces the likelihood that they will enter or stay in abusive relationships. Project activities include outreach; resource development; leadership training; and workshops.

Somali Youth Association of Toronto (SOYAT): Youth Solutions to Youth Issues

This project works to deliver an extensive series of workshops and activities aimed at reducing violence and the risk of incarceration amongst youth living in the Jamestown and Weston Mt Dennis areas of the city. The focus will be on male youth aged 16-24. The project will hire a full-time coordinator who will organize extensive weekly presentations and relevant guest speakers as well as provide individual counselling if requested. In 2008, the organization was successful in delivering a similar program in partnership with the John Howard Society of Toronto. During that partnership SOYAT provided Anger Management training, Domestic Assault and life on the inside workshops

on a rotating basis. The result proved to be very successful and was very well received by the recipients. The goal of the project is to deliver the same type of training in a youth led and culturally appropriate manner that focuses on Somali youth who access SOYAT's and the "Your Roads to Success" programs. Project activities include workshops, groups, training, referrals and counselling.

Street Health Community Nursing Foundation: Safer Stroll Project

This project is based on a community capacity-building approach that addresses violence perpetrated against women who work in the context of "street level" sex work. The project will provide peer training and educational components that will increase the south east end of downtown Toronto's capacity to effectively address violence that targets sex workers. It will strengthen the ongoing capacity of sex workers to address issues related to sex-worker safety, conflict resolution, crisis prevention and intervention and communication skills. The goal of this project is to enhance access to specific violence prevention methods and resources and build relationships and networks among sex workers and the social service system. Project activities include: skill development sessions; peer distribution of the Bad Date Book; peer-led skill building workshops; and training sessions for staff from social service agencies.

Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto: Reach Out Against Domestic Violence: Southeast Asian Women Peer Leadership Training

The project works to prevent violence in hard-to-reach ethno-cultural and newcomer communities through a Peer Leadership model using existing community resources developed by KCWA Family and Social Services. The training manual will be for the Vietnamese community and the organization will train a total of 150 Peer Leaders in Creative Expression workshops with the expectation that these Peer Leaders will go out to speak about domestic violence prevention with their network of family, friends and neighbours. The project goal is to fill a gap in the available services by creating awareness and change in the attitudes of the communities of family, friends and neighbours that survivors of domestic violence live within. The project will share the model with other ethno-specific agencies such as Canadian Cambodian Association of Ontario, South Asian Family Support Services and Tamil Eelam Society of Canada. The Peer Trainer will outreach to these organizations at the end of the project to share their experiences and invite them to adopt the model for practice within their communities. Project activities include volunteers recruitment, training, presentations, manual development, community outreach and evaluation. The project partner is (KCWA) Family and Social Services.

Women's Health in Women's Hands: Our Community Our Safety: Racialized Women and Youth Against Violence

The project works to address violence in the lives of low income youth and adult women from Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and South Asia. This project explores the way in which violence is a determinant of health and it proposes a series of programs to

address this with women from 6 priority neighbourhoods. It aims to create a multi-sectoral and coordinated model of response to violence against racialized women. Framed in a feminist, anti-oppression, anti-racist framework, it has 3 components: a representative advisory committee to identify the structural causes of violence against racialized women and youth; 6 think tank meetings with community members to develop strategic programs within a model of coordinated services; and an offering of programs based on the learning's and strategies in the first 2 components.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one the project established a working group, established a project advisory committee, developed partnerships, and completed a literature review. Year two activities include ongoing development of the model of service delivery, piloting the model in 6 priority neighbourhoods, and completion and dissemination of the think tank report.