



## Conference 2006 - Presentations

Title	Presenter(s)	Description
<p><b>1. Health Care Services Delivery: The Forensic Nurse as the Primary Health Care Provider for Victims/Survivors of Violence</b></p>	<p>Susan Kagan, Professor, Seneca College</p>	<p>Victims/survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence may need both health and forensic care that can be provided by the forensic nurse. This presentation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide an overview of the 34 Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres in Ontario</li> <li>• describe the provincial collaborative activities among the SA/DVTC programs which strengthens service delivery across the province</li> <li>• overview the specialized services provided by the SA/DVTC programs and the role of the forensic nurse in meeting victim/survivor needs. Case examples will be provided to illustrate how these services are provided and the follow-up care that is offered.</li> <li>• describe a new forensic program being offered through Seneca College in Toronto. In order to better prepare health care professionals to care for victims of violence, a new forensic education program is being offered by Seneca College in partnership with the British Columbia Institute of Technology. This multidisciplinary postgraduate forensic health studies certificate will assist health care professionals who are involved in providing care to victims of violence and will be briefly described in this presentation.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>90 minute presentation</b></p>
<p><b>2. The Use of Victim Impact Statement in Cases of Sexual Assault</b></p>	<p>Karen-Lee Miller, Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto</p>	<p>Submitted at sentencing, the victim impact statement (VIS) is a subjective account of the physical, psychological, and financial effects of crime on a victim's well-being. Given the anti-therapeutic consequences for many sexual assault victims of involvement in the criminal justice system, the VIS may be seen to assist in psychological healing since it enables victims to "speak freely" and to publicly air concerns (Erez, 1994; Herman, 2003). However, social workers who work with sexual assault victims have also found that the VIS may cause women further disillusionment and stress (Du Mont, Miller and Parnis, in press). This presentation will examine preliminary findings from a study of victims (n=5) and victim assistance workers (n=5) who have</p>

		<p>been involved with the VIS in cases of sexual assault. The intent is to initiate discussion of the experiences of victims in order to shed light on the legal and professional VIS practices that promote optimal therapeutic outcomes.</p> <p>45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>3. New Realities: An Integrated Approach to Family Violence</b></p>	<p>Lorna Monkman, New Realities Program Coordinator and Sharon Taylor, Executive Director</p>	<p>We will highlight some unique and innovative approaches used by New Realities, a program created in February 2006 to work with families to address issues of family violence and problematic substance use. We will share a case study to illustrate how we would use the following approaches to deal with issues of victimization, offending behaviour and secondary victimization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-Dimensional -- Working with families with a variety of needs – from safety and harm reduction to housing and employment</li> <li>• Participant-centered and driven – Developing programming that is relevant and responsive to the needs of those it was created to serve</li> <li>• Empowerment – Working “with” participants rather than responding in ways that does things “for” or “to” them</li> <li>• Providing <i>support to families over time</i>, recognizing that change and healing are a life long journey</li> </ul> <p>45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>4. National Parole Board and Victim - Inclusiveness: Process and Progress</b></p>	<p>Nancy Willis, Regional Communications Officer &amp; Karen Thomson, Regional Communications Officer</p>	<p>The National Parole Board (NPB) is an independent administrative tribunal within the criminal justice system with the authority to grant, deny, and revoke the conditional release of offenders while maintaining public safety as its primary mandate. To this end, being “victim-inclusive” is of significant importance to the NPB. We propose to speak to, and discuss, issues raised by victims and victim-advocacy agencies in <i>The Report Of The Standing Committee On The Corrections And Conditional Release Act (CCRA)</i> and in the NPB Victim Questionnaire to demonstrate the process and progress of victim interests since the implementation of the CCRA.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>5. The Molly Model – An Innovative Victim-Centered Resource Allocation Model</b></p>	<p>Veronica Vanderborght; Regional Manager; West Region; Ontario Victim Services Secretariat</p>	<p>Like many funding bodies, the Ontario Victim Services Secretariat faced the difficult task of making equitable resource allocation decisions for its victim service programs given the incredible variability of issues across the province. Should funding decisions be based on the population of an area? What about the daunting distances that some service providers have to travel to provide service to a few clients in remote locations?</p>

		<p>A newly formed OVSS Workgroup developed a highly innovative “victim-centred” resource allocation model, which addresses such diverse factors as population, geography, age of victims, languages spoken, office location, etc.</p> <p>Working from principles of equity, transparency, and commitment to marginalized &amp; disadvantaged clients and staff work/life balance, this model is complex, comprehensive and is fully functional. It draws upon staff expertise and hard data taken from a variety of sources to identify the greatest resource needs. The Model's strength lies in its transferability and can assist decision-makers in making resource allocations using an equitable, transparent and evidence-based process.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>6. Vulnerable Witnesses &amp; Testimonial Aids: Recent Amendments to the Criminal Code</b></p>	<p>Samantha Poisson, Manager, Victim Witness Assistance Program, Ontario Victim Services Secretariat</p>	<p>Historically, children and vulnerable adults had great difficulty participating in the criminal justice system. Over time, significant reforms have attempted to address the concerns of vulnerable witnesses. Most recently, Bill C-2, aimed at facilitating the participation of children and vulnerable witnesses in the criminal justice system has come into effect. This session will highlight the amendments to the Criminal Code resulting from the proclamation of Bill C-2. Significant procedural and evidentiary reforms will be outlined, including changes with respect to testimonial aids, exclusion of the public, publication ban and using video-recording evidence. The effect of the changes on the justice system will be considered through a discussion on recent case rulings. Salient social science research on vulnerable witnesses will also be outlined.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>7. Compensating the “Good Victim”: Quebec’s case</b></p>	<p>Geneviève Parent (the presenter), Ph.D. candidate, Université de Montréal</p>	<p>The victim remains a second-class citizen in the eyes of governments and of criminal justice. This second-class status is also found in Quebec’s State compensation system which is a privilege strictly limited to the “Good Victim”. We will first assess the advantages and disadvantages of compensation for victims. We will focus on the relevance of State compensation in terms of coming to grip with the “actual” needs of victims by analyzing the actions of IVAC. We will conclude with suggestions for improvements. This implies a better understanding of the consequences of a criminal act on victims and the needs ensued.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>

<p><b>8. Partner Contact Work: Frontline Services for Women Victims of Male Offenders Attending PAR Programs</b></p>	<p>Marilyn J. Rivers, Family Violence Counsellor and Researcher, Violence Against Women &amp; Senior's Programs</p>	<p>As a qualitative study that encompassed 12 agencies offering court mandated Partner Assault Response [PAR] Programming throughout the Greater Toronto Area, my research has focused on the Partner Contact Component, the essential outreach to victims that occurs while offenders are attending PAR.</p> <p>Partner Contact workers offer safety planning and information about the PAR program to victims and provide a liaison for them with the PAR facilitators. An important outcome of the study was the discovery that many Partner Contact Workers and their Supervisors were eager for a forum in which to discuss areas of passionate inspiration and reasonable concern that came to light during my conversations with them. Partner Contact Workers expressed a desire to discuss their work in an open forum as well as to share this information with other service providers who often seem unaware of the crucial role they play when violent offenders are sent by the court for PAR programming.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>9. Victims of Homicide Support Group Self-Help and Healing on the Path to Justice</b></p>	<p>Victims of Homicide Support Group of Edmonton</p>	<p>The Victims of Homicide group, Edmonton, was founded by Joyce and Noel Farion in 1995, the year after their son Scott was murdered. Since then many family members have found their way to the group as part of dealing with their own grief and trauma after having lost a loved one to murder. Presenters will share their own journey, including what services were most helpful, their perceptions of the justice system, and how the group has been part of their healing process. It is significant that many members have gone on to be advocates and activists in related ventures.</p> <p><b>Warning:</b> This session will present real murders by surviving family members. The content may be disturbing to participants, as it was to those who lived through it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>10. The needs of victims and promoting their satisfaction with the criminal justice system</b></p>	<p>Sharon H. Gray, M.Sc., Research assistant, Université de Montréal</p>	<p>The session will briefly describe the research techniques employed to study the relationship between victims' psychological trauma, their coping style when seeking social support (either emotion- or problem-focused), their satisfaction with the criminal justice system, and various forms of treatment from justice professionals. The results, based on interviews with victims of various crimes, will be used to explore the notion that victims of sexual assault and domestic violence are more prone to emotion-focused coping responses, as well as the hypothesis that emotion-focused victims require treatment from justice professionals that is emotionally</p>

		<p>supportive in order to promote their sense of satisfaction, while those who are problem-focused are in need of instrumental support.</p> <p>45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>11. Relationship Skills For Violence Prevention (RSVP) Program Pilot Evaluation</b></p>	<p>Pearl Rimer, Manager, Resource Development Research &amp; Training, Toronto Child Abuse Centre</p>	<p>This presentation is particularly relevant to current research in evidence-based programs for youth. The RSVP Program is designed to help adolescent girls who have experienced or who are considered at risk of experiencing violence in a personal relationship develop skills needed to form and maintain healthy relationships and to prevent (further) victimization. During the 2005 school year, TCAC, in partnership with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and Dalhousie University, implemented the RSVP Program in eight schools accompanied by a pilot evaluation study. The evaluation determined that the RSVP Program is effective in providing participants with skills and knowledge to build and maintain healthy relationships and to make informed choices in their relationships. This session will review the components of the program and results from the evaluation.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>12. MADD Canada</b></p>	<p>MADD Canada</p>	<p>This presentation will provide an overview of MADD Canada with a focus on the many support initiatives offered to victims of impaired driving. Such initiatives will include available literature; information on Court Monitoring, Court Accompaniment, Tributes, Victim's Rights, Lending Library, Death Notification Training, and our well established Victim Services Volunteer Training</p> <p>45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>13. Canadian Crime Victim Foundation</b></p>	<p>Joe Wamback, President</p>	<p>Learn about the work that the Canadian Crime Victim Foundation does to support crime victims and prevent youth violence.</p> <p>90 minutes</p>
<p><b>14. Reinforcing And Clarifying the Message: Is Anyone Listening?</b></p>	<p>Hazel Magnussen, author of <i>A Doctor's Calling: A Matter of Conscience</i></p>	<p>Reflecting on her experience and lessons learned advocating for criminal justice reform, the presenter will identify forms of advocacy; including letter writing, media interviews, formal presentations, publications and informal networking. Noting common themes in crime victims' stories, the presentation will also validate the wide range of victims' experiences, responses to crime and approaches to advocacy. It will conclude with readings from the presenter's book that documents the background leading up to her brother's murder in 1999, the response by the</p>

		justice system, her family's experience and her own insights into the criminal justice process.  90 minute presentation
<b>15. Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre</b>	RCMP	Overview of the Centre and the issues related to human trafficking.  90 minute presentation
<b>16. Finding Futures</b>	MOVA (Art Lepp)	This proposal will outline work that began in 2005 when Shelley Marshal and I were asked to research and seek out areas where MOVA as a victim advocacy group in Manitoba could become more effective in helping victims through the process of recovery from Homicide and violent crime, in particular after the trial process is over. My presentation will outline the various victim service provider organizations that are partnering to see this program to implementation.  45 minute presentation
<b>17. Repeat Victimization</b>	Kim Gramlich, MA, Coordinator, Delta Police Victim Services	This session will focus on the phenomena of Repeat Victimization. Statistics show that many individuals are victimized more than once in their lifetime. Often, subsequent victimizations occur rapidly and frequently. Individuals are exposed to situations and circumstances that put them at greater risk for future victimization. Participants will learn the characteristics associated to repeat victimization and how to identify victim vulnerabilities. Finally, and most importantly, what can we do to reduce the risk, increase safety and promote awareness?  90 minute presentation
<b>18. Sisters in Spirit Campaign</b>	Native Women's Association of Canada	The Sisters in Spirit (SIS) was launched in March 2004 in response to the alarming levels of violence against Aboriginal women in Canada. Over the last two decades, it has been estimated that some 500 indigenous women in Canada have been murdered or are missing.  90 minute presentation
<b>19. Conducting Surveys and other Research Techniques for Victim Advocates</b>	John Allore	An overview of surveying and research techniques for beginners and grassroots advocates. Session will show how to use the internet for simple survey and statistical analysis of data.  45 minute presentation

<p><b>20. OPP Resolve Initiative</b></p>	<p>Kim Peters, OPP</p>	<p><b>The Missing Persons and Unidentified Bodies/Remains Unit Behavioural Sciences Section, Investigation Support Bureau Ontario Provincial Police</b> - The Ontario Provincial Police and the Office of the Chief Coroner for the Province of Ontario entered into a unique partnership to ensure new and existing investigative support technology; disciplines and contacts/liasons are utilized and applied to cases of Missing Persons and Unidentified Bodies/Remains. The investigative support provided by the Unit is a proactive initiative. On May 16, 2006 the Unit launched their new website entitled "The Resolve Initiative" which contains information about missing persons reported to the OPP in which foul play cannot be ruled out, as well as unidentified body/remains cases for the entire province of Ontario. The website provides a new window of opportunity to provide enhanced continuity to missing persons and unidentified body/remains investigations, in that it empowers the public to play a role in helping solve these cases. It serves to revitalize stalled investigations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>21. Violence Against Women with Physical Disabilities: A Community Health Centre's Multi-level Approach</b></p>	<p>Nancy Martin and Lucy Costa Nyman</p>	<p>This presentation will explore a multi-level approach taken over the past 10 years to addressing violence faced by women living with physical mobility disabilities. Research has demonstrated that women with disabilities face a much higher rate of experiences of violence, as well as multiple barriers to accessing the various levels of the support systems.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>22. Surviving Childhood Sexual Abuse</b></p>	<p>Mary Anne Kinnell, Court Support Coordinator, Calgary Police Service</p>	<p>I explain how this tragedy affected our family and the impact that Victim Services had on our healing and survival. It is my hope that what I have to say may help others work with a better understanding of victims and their perspective. Also, it is the hope of me and our daughter that we can begin to "<b>Stop the Silence</b>" surrounding child sexual abuse. It is our goal to raise awareness about child sexual abuse and to get people talking about it – encouraging a safe environment for children to tell if they have been abused and for them to know the resources available to survive such trauma.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>23. "The Often Forgotten Caregiver"</b></p>	<p>Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness.- Hildegard Rempel Jacyk, Dr. Bill Jacyk and Paul Laurie</p>	<p>We invite you to come to this informal workshop and explore with us the all too familiar topic of "stress" for caregivers, educators and activists alike. Join us to look at how we might create more balance and structure in our busy and often intense lives. Help us meet our goal in combining both education through specific examples as well as sharing life experiences of the five domains commonly referred to as the "five intelligences". The physical, emotional, cognitive,</p>

		<p>spiritual and relational. Let's give ourselves this time just for us as the conference comes to a close. We deserve it! Your fellow caregivers in the mental health field and board members of the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">120 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>24. Enhancing Public Safety- Are we making progress on the criminal justice reform front?</b></p>	<p>John Muise, Director of Public Safety, Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness; Ellen Campbell, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness;</p>	<p>Your presenters will analyze the progress (or lack thereof) on the criminal justice reform front since the release of the Martin's Hope Report in November of 2004. Named in honour of Martin Kruze the 1st victim of the Maple Leaf Gardens child sex abuse scandal to publicly disclose his victimization, the report makes 60 recommendations for change (39 federal and 21 provincial) on the legislative and policy front. Those recommendations include among others, enhancements to the DNA DataBank, sentencing, corrections and parole reform and raising of the age of consent all of which are intended to better protect children at risk. Martin who tragically took his own life four days after the perpetrator in his case received a sentence of just two years less a day dreamed that all children could one day be safe from abuse. That progress will be considered against the backdrop of the recommendations contained in the Martin's Hope report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>25. National Office for Victims/Victim Parole Fund</b></p>	<p>Andrea Dow, Senior Project Manager, National Office for Victims</p>	<p>This presentation will provide us with insight into the role of the National Office for Victims as well as information about financial assistance for crime victims wanting to attend Parole hearings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>26. South Asian Family Enrichment (SAFE)</b></p>	<p>Fred Chorley, Executive Director, Victim Services of Peel</p>	<p>This presentation will present the results of the first five years of the preventative family violence program delivered in Brampton and Mississauga. This program matches trained mentors from the South Asian community with families that are experiencing challenges within their households. The program was initially funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the United Way of Peel Region and is being continued with ongoing funding from UWPR and from other sources.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>27. Media Violence –</b></p>	<p><b>A Summary of the Research - Valerie Smith</b></p>	<p>The conclusion of the public health community, based on over 30 years of research, is that viewing entertainment violence can lead to increases in aggressive attitudes, values and behaviour, particularly in children. Its effects are measurable and long-lasting. This session will provide a summary of the research.</p>

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<b>28. Kid's Internet Safety Association (KINSA)</b>	David Butt, Lawyer	<p>KINSA, the Kids' Internet Safety Association, is a non-profit organization established in response to the need to protect the rights and interests of children on the internet. KINSA focuses on advocacy, education, training and awareness to make the Internet a safer place for children.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<b>29. Take It Like a Man: Why Men's Sexual Victimization is (Still) Ignored in Canada's Victim Services</b>	Rick Goodwin, Men's Project	<p>While one in five men experienced child sexual abuse, our current patchwork of victim services seems to ignore the male gender. The implications of this policy of blinkers continue not only the trauma in these men's lives, but also their loved ones, their communities, and also our social problems.</p> <p>Speaking in reference to founding one of Canada's only sexual abuse treatment centres for male survivors, Rick Goodwin will guide this examination of gender bias. Using such lens of provincial victim policy critique, participation at the Cornwall Public Inquiry, and as a trainer on issues of trauma and recovery, Rick will engage topics such as the foundation of male socialization to the ongoing social reluctance to see this problem for what it is.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<b>30. Immigration and refugee options available to female survivors of domestic violence</b>	Alice Cranker, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic	<p>My proposed presentation will focus on immigration and refugee options available to female survivors of domestic violence. More specifically, I will discuss the additional barriers faced by women without status fleeing abusive relationships. I will discuss sponsorship breakdown due to violence and refugee claims jointly filed with the abusive spouse. I will highlight refugee claims, humanitarian and compassionate claims and Pre Removal Risk Assessments and how domestic violence is relevant in each of these streams.</p> <p>45 minute presentation</p>
<b>31. Placing Women Survivor's Voices in the Center of a Strategy for the</b>	Dr. Colleen MacQuarrie, Psychology Department University of Prince Edward Island, S.A.G.E. Inc. (Survivors' Advocacy Group for Empowerment Incorporated)	<p>Presently the burden of prevention of child sexual abuse in Canada rests on the shoulders of children primarily through school based programs. Some organizations argue that the burden of prevention must shift to adults. In November 2005, a grassroots organization named SAGE Inc. (Survivor Advocacy Group for Empowerment), based in PEI, hosted a two-day gathering for female survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The goal for the weekend was to create a draft</p>

<p><b>Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse: Speaking From Our Strengths</b></p>		<p>strategy to prevent child sexual abuse through a project, "Speaking from our wisdom: Planning to stop child sexual abuse," which placed survivors and their experiences at the core of the plan. The participating survivors came from all walks of life, different geographic and ethnic backgrounds, and different ability levels. In our presentation, we will address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- prevalence rates and known risk factors for child sexual abuse</li> <li>- the state of Child Sexual Abuse prevention programming</li> <li>- the role of survivors in prevention</li> <li>- the use of strength-based approaches for organizations working with survivors</li> <li>- results from our workshop with PEI survivors</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Suggestions for research and action on the prevention of child sexual abuse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>32. Femmes francophones en contexte minoritaire et la violence faite aux femmes : Comprendre, Développer, AGIR</b></p>	<p>Madeleine Roy</p>	<p>Présenter l'Alliance des femmes de la francophonie canadienne et le projet «Solidaires face à la violence faite aux femmes»;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Présenter la problématique de la violence faite aux femmes selon la perspective des femmes francophones en contexte minoritaire : isolement linguistique, historique et social; manques de ressources d'aide et d'appui communautaire; question d'anonymat et de confidentialité;</li> <li>• Présenter projets novateurs francophones en contexte minoritaire.</li> </ul> <p>La problématique de la violence faite aux femmes et les femmes francophones en contexte minoritaire est unique au Canada où les ressources en français ne sont pas disponibles dans la majorité des provinces où l'anglais est la langue majoritaire. Ces lacunes fragilisent les victimes et entravent leurs possibilités à dépasser ces situations. Ces lacunes se situent non seulement au niveau de l'intervention face à la violence (services policiers, ressources de counseling, bureaucratie gouvernementale) mais également au niveau des ressources communautaires de soutien (employabilité, logement, santé). Les questions de confidentialité et d'anonymat sont très difficiles à maintenir dans une communauté francophone en contexte minoritaire. L'isolement vécu par les femmes francophones victimes est non seulement lié à la violence mais également au contexte historique et social qui sous-tend l'absence de services en français.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>33. Fundraising for Victim</b></p>	<p>Fred Chorley, Executive Director, Victim Services of Peel</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview of establishing a successful fundraising program in a Victim Service organization. Examples will be drawn from a program currently underway at</p>

<b>Service Organizations</b>		<p>Victim Services of Peel.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<b>34. Creating a Knowledge Cycle: Introducing Basic Knowledge Management and Communities of Practice Theory for Victims Services Part One: Theory &amp; Part Two: Practical</b>	<p>Randy McCall – Victim Assistance Online</p>	<p>These workshops form the basis for a series of presentations on knowledge management practices for victim services. The purpose of these presentations is to show how small-to-medium sized programs can effectively identify, collect and apply critical lessons their staff and volunteers learn on a day-to-day basis as they conduct the programs' business and assist clients. Designed for novices to knowledge management theory, the workshops presume viewers have experience in management practices.</p> <p>Part One Theory: Introduces the basic concepts of knowledge management and information, with lessons drawn from effective business knowledge management case studies and communities of practice theory, in a basic and non-technical way. 90 minutes</p> <p>Part Two Practical: Based on the elements discussed in Part One, this session introduces the basic elements of an 8-step process for creating a knowledge management project in your organization, including a series of simplified analysis and evaluation tools. 90 minutes</p>
<b>35. National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre (NCECC)</b>	<p>Roberta Sinclair</p>	<p>The National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre (NCECC) was created to help protect children from online sexual exploitation. The NCECC is a national clearing house and coordination centre for all international requests to conduct investigations in Canada related to child sexual exploitation on the Internet and provides support to peace officers, in particular investigators involved in files dealing with child sexual exploitation on the Internet.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<b>36. Correctional Services Of Canada: Victim-Offender Mediation Program</b>	<p>Scott Harris, Director, Restorative Justice and Dispute Resolution Unit, Correctional Services of Canada</p>	<p>Learn more about the Correctional Service of Canada's victim-offender mediation, a process which provides interested victims and offenders with the opportunity to meet in a safe and structured setting. During these meetings, victims often the offender about the crime's physical, emotional, and financial impact on their lives, receive answers to lingering questions about the crime and the offender, and participate directly in developing options.</p> <p>90 minute presentation</p>
<b>37. Teen Relationships:</b>	<p>Marnie Tarantini, Social Worker</p>	<p>The Algoma District School Board and its community partners are committed to educating youth</p>

<p><b>“Violence Free Group”</b></p>	<p>Michelle Trudel, Child &amp; Youth Worker Algoma District School Board</p>	<p>about relationship violence. Individuals in this hands-on workshop will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of group activities currently used with high-risk youth. These activities are designed to empower and educate young people with the skills, strategies, and community connections so that they see an alternative to living with violence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>38. Male Sexual Assault: Relationship Issues</b></p>	<p>Lynne MacDonell, Psychotherapist</p>	<p>Male sexual assault victims, tend to experience different problems in their adult relationships. Being male and being a victim poses unique concerns for masculinity. Learn more about the unique nature of their challenges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>39. Professionalization of Victim Services Workers</b></p>	<p>Susan McDonald, LLB, Senior Research Officer</p>	<p>This is a presentation on the preliminary findings of a qualitative study undertaken this past summer by Justice Canada to explore the many opinions on professionalization. Questions and discussion are welcome, as possible next steps will be explored.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90 minute presentation</p>
<p><b>40. Victims and Empowerment, What Means Empowerment for Victims of Crime?</b></p>	<p>Katie Cyr, MS, PhD Candidate, School of Criminology, University of Montreal</p>	<p>A review of the empowerment literature raises questions about the meaning of empowerment for victims of crime. An overview of the different meanings of empowerment will be presented, followed by a presentation of the different levels of empowerment (organizational and individual) and their application for victims of crimes. Following interviews with 143 victims of crimes, quantitative analyses illustrates that the criminal justice system is not empowering for victims at the organization level. Subsequent analysis revealed that the lack of information and implication of victims of crime is also working against their empowerment at the individual level (i.e. psychological empowerment). The implication of these findings will be discussed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">45 minute presentation</p>