

Collaborative Service Delivery Site for Victims of Sexual Violence & Partner Abuse

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The community coalition of agencies and professionals working to establish a collaborative service delivery site for male and female victims of partner abuse and sexual violence continues its work in the Kingston area. A significant amount of work has been completed since we distributed our first introductory bulletin earlier this year (January 2009).

Here are a few highlights...

A big thanks to the United Way (Kingston) for approving our application for funding through their Collaborative Program. We are receiving grant funding to help us develop the initial business plan for the collaborative site and to provide practical support to members of the Survivors' Advisory Council (transportation; child care; etc.).

We also received a small grant from the Ontario Women's Directorate for January through March 2009 which was used to purchase administrative and coordination support for this initiative.

We submitted a multi-year funding proposal to The Trillium Foundation of Ontario in March 2009 which, if

approved, would allow us to hire a full time coordinator to assist with the development of the collaborative site. Timeline for approval is July 2009 so keep your fingers crossed on our behalf!

In keeping with our commitment to develop a sustainable service that offers victims and survivors a viable and effective service option, we are hoping to organize a two day research conference in December 2009 or early in 2010. We have applied to the Law Foundation of Ontario for funding required to bring together selected researchers and experts from various disciplines who will work with coalition members to develop a comprehensive evaluation framework for the collaborative site with attention to benefits experienced by clients, staff working at the site, and the community-at-large. Following the conference, we plan to invite selected participants to continue their work with the coalition as members of a Research Council.

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More detailed information about the Collaborative Service Delivery Site can be found at www.kfacc.org/csds



As you can see, the Fund Development Work Group has been very busy. Our other work groups, Site Development and Programs & Services, have also been meeting on a regular basis.

The Site Development Work Group developed and distributed an initial survey to coalition members to confirm the requirements and needs of specific agencies that will be working on-site at the “one stop” center in some capacity.

Congratulations to the Frontenac Children’s Aid Society! As you may be aware, they recently purchased land on north Division Street and are planning to develop and construct a new building. In keeping with their commitment to work collaboratively with the community to develop a family-friendly building, Ray Muldoon, Executive Director, invited the coalition to consider the possibility of co-locating the collaborative site with the CAS in their new building. Timelines are tight and concerns about funding have been raised by several partner agencies; however, the coalition is currently considering this generous and exciting offer.

The Programs & Services Work Group has been meeting regularly to establish the basic parameters of the service delivery model for the collaborative site and explore ways in which some

of the problems commonly experienced by victims of violence in Kingston today might be addressed and resolved through co-location.

We continue to benefit from the insightful input and feedback from the Survivors’ Advisory Council which also continues to meet on a regular basis. They have contributed significantly to the discussions about site and program requirements for the “one stop” center; and will be making a formal presentation to the coalition in May 2009.

And lastly, the coalition has developed a multi-step outreach and promotions strategy designed to keep the community, including our local, provincial and federal politicians, apprised of the work we are doing in relation to the collaborative site. In addition to this Bulletin, which will be distributed several times a year, the coalition has or will be sending out individualized letters and arranging face to face meetings to introduce the initiative to possible funding bodies, as well as making presentations to interested agencies and groups.

Our plans for the immediate future include:

- ✓ ongoing discussion with onsite partners about site requirements and options;
- ✓ focused outreach to representatives from law enforcement, justice, child welfare and family court sectors to re/confirm parameters for their involvement with the collaborative site;
- ✓ implementing our outreach and promotions strategy; and
- ✓ organizing the research conference and establishing the Research Council, pending confirmation of funding approval.

