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New! Legal Aid Services available for women

Legal Aid Ontario has joined the Family Violence Project! As of Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, legal services are available at *Mosaic* for those clients who have experienced domestic violence. Services include legal advice, assistance with completion of family court forms, emergency motions, and applications for two hour free legal advice certificates. A Legal Aid Worker, and 4 senior lawyers, with experience in dealing with domestic violence, will rotate through the position of Duty Counsel.

Appointments can be made by contacting Julia Manual at **519-743-6333**.

New Local Group

'Women Helping Women' is now offered by the **Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge & North Dumfries** to women who have experienced abuse within

an intimate relationship including females who have been charged with abuse against a partner. Groups are open and based on a 16 week format providing education and support. Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am.

For more information, call Sabina at **(519) 621-5090 ext 22**.



NEXT 4 WEEKS

Well, the good news about that February 2nd snowstorm is that the lil ole groundhog didn't see his shadow - so it should be a short winter this year! Can't wait to put my snow shovel away! As for observances coming up, Feb. 16th is *Family Day*. In March, the 2nd week is *National Social Work week*. Tuesday, March 8th is *International Women's Day* and *United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace*. Wednesday March 9th is *Ash Wednesday*, and on Sunday, March 13th *Daylight Savings Time* begins.

Casey Cruikshank
WRSA/DVTC Director



Thank-you!

...to the **Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO)** for their kind donation. ETFO offers yearly donations to centres that provide counselling, emergency shelter and referral services to women in crisis.

...to **Staff Sergeant Joanne Van Deursen** of North Division (*formerly Division #3*), for the many hygiene products she continues to collect and donate to us for our *Comfort Paks*.

For Your Information

- **The CDC Guidelines for STDs for 2010** was emailed to team members recently. Sexual assault issues are on page 90. The Ontario Network of SA/DVTC recommendations for HIV PEP care are consistent with the CDC and the Network's HIV PEP study is referenced.

JANUARY 2011 Referral Summary

Sexual Assault
Incidence
13

Domestic Violence
Incidence
10

TOTAL: 23

Learning Opportunities

- **Friday, February 25, 9am-12noon - Criminal Injuries Compensation Board workshop** by Paula Klein, Vice Chair. Held in the Sehl Conference Room, Mosaic Counselling and Family Services. *Free of charge*. The workshop will focus on: the application process and recent changes, eligibility for compensation, types of compensation available, evidence needed to support a claim for compensation, the hearing process and CICB practices. R.S.V.P. to Michelle Smith, Family and Children Services: michelle.smith@facswaterloo.org or at 519-576-1329, ext. 3607.
- **Tuesday, March 22nd, 8am-4:30pm - 'Understanding and Responding to Male Victimization'**, Spirale Banquet and Conference Centre, 888 Don Mills Road, Toronto. *Free of charge*. Includes continental breakfast, refreshment breaks & lunch. Registration online at: www.abusehurts.com or contact Andrea Priebe, Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness, Telephone #: 1-800-379-8858, ext. 227 or email: andrea@abusehurts.
- **Thursday, May 5th, 7-9pm. Doors open at 6:30pm - 'The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women'** presented by Dr. Jean Kilbourne.. Held at the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall, Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Free parking is available behind St. Michael's Campus. Tickets are \$15 each. Purchase over the phone with Visa or MasterCard by calling 519-571-0121 or in person at Words Worth Books (100 King St. South, Waterloo).

Thought for the Month

"Character is a commodity that cannot be bought, cannot be stolen, and cannot be borrowed from any other."

Byron Pulsifer

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New French website: www.briserlesilence.ca