



Neighbours, Friends & Families

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November Marks Ontario's Women Abuse Prevention Month

Ottawa, November 12, 2008 - November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario.

The Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (need date) analyzed cases of domestic violence ending in homicide. In all the cases they reviewed, a neighbour, friend, or family member knew of the abusive behaviour but felt unable to react due to apprehension and/or a basic lack of knowledge.

The Neighbours, Friends, and Families Campaign was developed as a response and provides communities with strategies and tools to prevent woman abuse. Its goals are to educate the public to:

1. Recognize signs of woman abuse
2. Support women and men in the community who are impacted by woman abuse
3. Locate supportive resources in the community for themselves and others

Providing people with this knowledge is extremely important because statistics have show that women who are being abused are more likely to turn to informal sources of support, rather than asking for support from the police.

There is no better time than Woman Abuse Prevention Month to become informed about violence against women. For more information on violence against women visit the Neighbours, Friends and Families Campaign at www.neighboursfriendsandfamilies.on.ca or the Ottawa Coalition To End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW) at www.octevaw-cocvff.ca. Visit the OCTEVAW website homepage and Event Calendar for a listing of all the different events being held in the Ottawa area to commemorate this month.

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