

Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention Blueprint of Services – Tri Counties

From March 2011 to June 2012, under the project *Addressing Sexual Violence Prevention through Civic Engagement and Resource Development*, project staff with the Tri County Women’s Centre engaged extensively with youth (both female and male) and community and government agencies to glean from them what is needed to adequately address sexual violence prevention and intervention in the tri counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne.

From those discussions, focus groups, meetings, and presentations a **Blueprint of Services** has been put together as a guide for addressing sexual violence prevention and intervention in the tri counties.

Sexual Violence

Prevention Services	Intervention Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resources like the <i>SV Prevention Tool Kit</i> promoted in schools and communities - Training sessions on how to use the <i>Tool Kit</i> - Awareness and critical thinking on Sexual Violence (SV) & Hypersexualization (HSZ) part of school curriculum - More education on Health Sexuality - Events on SV and HSZ awareness for both genders and community. Plan events during Sexual Violence Awareness Month –May - Make public awareness <u>against</u> sexual violence more visible – signage & billboards - Involve men and boys in leadership roles on SV & HSZ - Enhance youth leadership on SV for both females and males - Training on SV and HSZ, both separately and together, for all community and government staff that work in this field - Provide an annual update to all our elected representatives in the tri counties on the work being done on SV & HSZ - Work with other communities and provincial representatives to raise awareness about SV & HSZ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocate for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE) for South West Nova (SWN)/ Tri Counties - Implement a coordinated approach, like a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), for immediate sexual assault - Until the SANE program is implemented, train volunteers to assist on the SART - Distribute the <i>Sexual Violence Support Services Contact Card</i> widely - Establish a specialized community based <i>Sexual Assault Service</i> with adequate staffing to support victims - Specialized programming, both support and therapeutic, for victims of SV - Specialized intervention services, in our community, for male youth offenders - Implement a mechanism for all stakeholders to meet and discuss how intervention services are working - Work with provincial representatives to ensure adequate and equitable services for victims of SV in SWN and across the province