



2 Carlton Street, Suite 1404
Toronto, Ontario M5B 1J5
Tel.: (416) 977-6619
Fax: (416) 977-1227
E-mail: oaith@web.ca

Media Advisory

Women's shelter rally tells government to 'walk their talk'

For release: November 22, 2005

Shelters for abused women will hold a “**Walk the Talk**” rally to mark November Woman Abuse Prevention Month in Ontario and to call for action on the epidemic of violence experienced by women across the province—in their homes, neighbourhoods and workplaces. The rally takes place just before the opening of an Ontario government conference on ‘reducing domestic violence’. Women’s voices will focus on what action government needs to take to both respond to and **end** all forms of violence against women.

At the rally, signs and light sticks will visually represent the 208 women and 23 children murdered in Ontario since 1995 in which an intimate partner was either charged or committed suicide. The rally is sponsored by the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH), a 75-member association of women’s anti-violence shelters.

When: November 28th, 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Attached is a rally flyer.

Where: Main Legislature Building, South door, Queen’s Park, Toronto

Speakers: Women will speak from the Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres, Action ontarienne contre la violence faite aux femmes, the Ontario Native Women’s Association, Immigrant Women’s Services, the DisAbled Women’s Network of Ontario, the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Canadian Auto Workers and the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses.

“There’s been a terrific response to this rally. We’re expecting women’s and community groups, students, labour and the public to join us in remembering women murdered in Ontario and calling for action on ending all kinds of violence and oppression against women,” said Eileen Morrow, Association Coordinator.

For information: Eileen Morrow, OAITH Coordinator 416-977-6619