

NOVEMBER IS

Women Abuse Awareness Month

Since 1995 in Ontario,
at least 206 women and 23 children were murdered
in situations where an intimate partner was charged or committed suicide.



BREAK THESE BARRIERS

- One-half of all Canadian women have experienced at least one incident of violence since the age of 16.

Statistics Canada. The Daily, Thursday, November 18, 1993.

- The Roots of Sexism: In 1997, employed women had average earnings of just over \$21,000, a figure that was only 64% of that of all men with jobs. Even when employed on a full-time, full-year basis the earnings of women remain well below those of their male counterparts. In 1997, women working full-time, full-year had average earnings of just under \$31,000, or 73% of what men employed full-time, full-year made that year.

Women in Canada 2000: A Gender-Based Statistical Report. Statistics Canada. September, 2000.

- Fear of deportation and fear of the police often keep immigrant and refugee women from reporting woman abuse.

Bhola and Nelson 1990, B-35.

- 20% of lesbians had been subjected to psychological, physical and/or sexual abuse in their relationship.

Abuse in Lesbian Relationships. Laurie C. Chesley et al, Toronto, 1991.

- 60% of women with disabilities are likely to experience some form of violence in their adult lives and 39% of women with disabilities experience physical or sexual assault.

Breaking Barriers After Abuse Committee and PATH Employment Services.

- In cases of women of colour and Aboriginal women, almost half (over 40%) live in poverty due to longstanding policies and practices of racism.

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW).

- 8% to 10% of Ontario women over the age of 65 experience abuse.

Moore et al. 1997.

- 50% of the transgendered respondents of a study reported having been raped or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner.

Gender, Violence and Resource Access Survey, Couvert and Cook-Daniels. 1998.



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FOR ALL WOMEN