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Preventing violence against women, children focus of day-long workshop set for Nov. 5

Woman abuse is a serious social problem in our community that everyone can play a role in preventing.

The Neighbours, Friends and Families campaign is part of a province-wide initiative developed in partnership with the Ontario government, the Ontario Women's Directorate and the expert panel on Neighbours, Friends and Families, through the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children.

Intended to foster community organizing, the Neighbours, Friends and Families campaign provides communities with information and strategies to help prevent woman abuse, including tools and educational activities to:

- Recognize the warning signs of woman abuse,
- Support women and other

members of the community who are impacted by woman abuse, and

- Locate supportive resources in the community.

Women in Canada who experience abuse are:

- Three times more likely than male victims of abuse to fear for their life.
- Three times more likely to take time off from their everyday activities because of the abuse.
- More than twice as likely to be injured as male victims.
- Twice as likely as men to be the targets of more than 10 violent episodes.

The North Perth Violence Against Women Advisory Committee is offering a day-long workshop from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Nov. 5, at the Listowel Evangelical Missionary Church, 1205 Tremaine

Ave. S. This workshop will focus on the Neighbours, Friends and Families initiative in the morning and offer topic specific breakout sessions in the afternoon.

The topics include: child abuse prevention team, domestic violence 101, Anabaptist population, victim witness assistance program, legal issues, and an overview of the violence against women needs assessment of North Perth and area.

Registration forms are available at www.optimismplace.on.ca and need to be received at either the North Perth Early Years Centre, 791 Main St. West, Listowel or Optimism Place, 270 Freeland Drive, Stratford by Oct. 27. Registration is \$25 and cheques can be made out to Optimism Place. Lunch and snacks are included in the registration fee. This workshop opportunity is open to everyone. Some subsidies are available, contact North Perth Early Years Centre, 519-291-6626 for more information.

For more information go to: www.neighboursfriendsandfamilies.on.ca.



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