



BC Association of
Community Response
Networks

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect - together

Seniors Learning and Knowledge Exchange – A National Senior Abuse Response / Prevention Project *A Series of By Invitation Teleconferences*

The BC Association of Community Response Networks has been successful in gaining project funding from the Adult Learning Knowledge Centre; an initiative of the Canadian Council on Learning, which is a national, non-profit, independent organization committed to improving learning for all Canadians.

The project is focused on what we need to know about seniors learning in order to provide an effective response/ prevention to abuse of seniors. The format for the project consists of a series of **by invitation** teleconferences to

- exchange knowledge directly about promising approaches in seniors learning
- exchange knowledge about the experience of senior abuse
- learn about barriers to seniors reporting abuse to police
- learn about roles of one another (police, seniors serving organizations, health and social service providers and other responders) in responding to reports of abuse
- develop new responses and share effective interventions or promising approaches for response and prevention that can be undertaken together and separately.

This project also presents an opportunity to foster and further innovative partnerships already begun between the RCMP, the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA) and the BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCACRN) and launch a new national police network and an interdisciplinary network. Participants will be drawn from seniors

organizations, researchers, police, social workers and health workers across Canada (15 – 20 on each teleconference).

Each teleconference will cover a region of the country and be 1.5 to 2 hours long, beginning at 11 am. Pacific Standard Time.

Regional teleconference participants will be asked to register for the national summary call in March which will cover learnings from all across Canada.

The schedule for calls is:

Jan. 26, 2009 - 4 Western Provinces

Jan. 30, 2009 - Central Canada (English)

Feb. 2, 2009 - Atlantic Provinces

Feb. 5, 2009 - Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut

Feb. 11, 2009 - Central Canada (French) and any other French speakers

March 2, 2009 - National teleconference, to be held during International Adult Learners Week 2009 (national summary of all calls, results)

An interview guide will be sent to participants prior to teleconferences

Request of Participants

For evaluation purposes, participants will be asked to complete a pre-test before the regional teleconference and a post-test after the national summarizing teleconference to measure knowledge transfer as a result of the 2 teleconferences in which they agree to participate. We hope to show from these tests that knowledge exchange has taken place.

Results of the project will be posted on the [BC Association of CRNs'](#) and the [Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse](#) websites.

To register please e-mail witworks@live.ca; for more information please contact the facilitator April Struthers 604 885 0651