

# Training *bulletin*

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## Victim Services and Crime Prevention



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## Message from the Executive Director

There are a number of exciting training opportunities this fall for service providers who assist victims of crime, and women and children impacted by violence. These include the BC Society of Transition Houses Annual Training Forum (October 25 to 27), the BC Crime Prevention Association's 39<sup>th</sup> Training Symposium (November 2 to 4), and the Ending Violence Association of BC's Annual Training Forum (November 16 and 17).

In addition, we offer free online training resources on court support, domestic violence safety planning, child and youth safety planning, elder abuse, victim services, and human trafficking. I invite you to peruse the information below, sign up for relevant training, and download the training resources.

Marcie Mezzarobba  
Executive Director

## BC Society of Transition Houses Annual Training Forum

The BCSTH Annual Training Forum will be taking place at Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport from Wednesday, October 25 to Friday, October 27, 2017. The theme this year is Celebrating Our Herstory, Our Future & 25 Years of CWWA and we will be offering over 20 workshops on this topic and other key issues relating to violence against women, children and youth. The forum will also host exciting keynote presentations by Cathy Richardson, Sharon Hurd, Carol Seychuck, Lise Martin and Chastity Davis.

Workshop spaces are limited and they are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early to ensure your preferred selection.

For more information, please refer to the [registration brochure](#) or contact forum planner, Alison Eagles at 778-847-2706 or [alison@bcsth.ca](mailto:alison@bcsth.ca).



BC Society of Transition Houses  
2017 Annual Training Forum & AGM  
Celebrating Our Herstory, Our Future & 25 Years of CWWA

October 25-27, 2017  
Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond, BC  
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## BC Crime Prevention Association 39<sup>th</sup> Training Symposium

BC Crime Prevention Association is holding their 39<sup>th</sup> Training Symposium from November 2 to 4, 2017 at the Delta Burnaby Hotel and Conference Centre in Burnaby. This year's theme, Crime Prevention in Changing Times, focuses on the ever-evolving role that police, community safety

personnel, and volunteers have within communities today. The symposium features keynote speakers Joe Roberts and Gary Anaka, and includes workshops, plenary sessions and a pre-conference Provincial Police and Crime Prevention Round Table that will provide delegates

opportunities to expand their knowledge and enhance their relationships with fellow crime prevention practitioners.

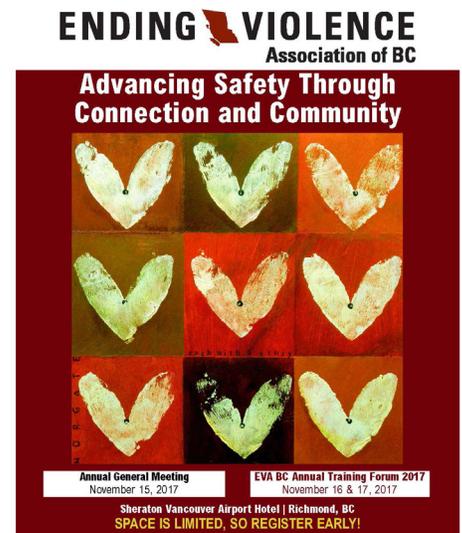
For more information, or to register, please see the [BC Crime Prevention Association website](#).

# Ending Violence Association of BC's Annual Training Forum

The EVA BC Annual Training Forum, Advancing Safety Through Connection and Community, will be held on November 16 and 17 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond. The forum features keynote speakers Deputy Commissioner Brenda Butterworth-Carr (RCMP, "E" Division); Jan Ference, an expert in working with at-risk children who has been leading a specialized early-intervention trauma team to help children on Vancouver Island; well-known activist and therapist Vikki Reynolds; and a plenary panel of Child and Youth Advocacy Centres.

The forum will provide opportunities to examine topics such as the trauma experienced by Indigenous peoples, how brain development is impacted by trauma, neglect and violence, and the leadership challenges and lessons learned in coordination committees. A number of workshops will also focus on real, useable techniques for worker self-care, supporting children and youth survivors of violence and abuse, and leadership development for social services.

For more information, or to register, please visit [EVA BC's website](#).



## Free Online Training and Resources for Service Providers

Victim Services and Crime Prevention offers online training and other resources for service providers working with victims of crime and women and children impacted by violence. This includes training and resources on court support, domestic violence safety planning, child and youth safety planning, elder abuse, victim services, and human trafficking. Please see the descriptions below for more information or visit our training webpage.

### Victim Services: Supporting Victims Through the Justice System E-learning

[Victim Services: Supporting Victims Through the Justice System E-learning](#) training provides victim service workers with the knowledge and skills to deliver court support within the justice system in B.C. The eight module online course with interactive activities, comprehensive resources, and video clips will provide workers with an orientation to victim services in B.C., a basic understanding of the justice system, and how to provide court support to victims through the justice process.

### Domestic Violence Safety Planning Online Training

The 8-10 hour [Domestic Violence Safety Planning Training](#) consists of seven modules covering a range of topics including:

- Working with women who have experienced domestic violence
- Cross-sector coordination
- Risk identification and safety planning
- Safety planning with children and youth

### Factors to Consider When Domestic Violence Safety Planning

[Factors to Consider When Domestic Violence Safety Planning](#) is a summary of the risk and safety factors that have been associated with an increased likelihood of future violence in relationships or are of particular concern for support workers in domestic violence cases.

### Creating a Safety Plan

The [Creating a Safety Plan](#) booklet is designed to provide women in violent relationships with strategies to increase their safety.

### Child and Youth Safety Planning Toolkit

[Safety Planning with Children and Youth: A Toolkit for Working with Children and Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence](#) is a resource to

assist support workers in developing safety plans for children and youth. It provides information for those working with mothers, caregivers, and children and youth who have been exposed to domestic violence. The toolkit is intended for use by both new and experienced service providers.

The toolkit offers steps to follow when safety-planning with children and youth, as well as specific information for safety planning with children and youth at each developmental level (i.e., ages 3-5, 6-11, 12-14, and 15-18). It also includes practice tips, sample templates, suggested methods, and resources.

### Child and Youth Safety Planning Videos

Module 7 of the Domestic Violence and Safety Planning Training has five instructional videos on how to safety plan with children and youth at each

## Free Online Training and Resources for Service Providers (cont'd)

developmental level. These instructional videos can be viewed below.

- [VIDEO, Scene 1: Safety Planning with Children Developmental Level Years 3 to 5](#)
- [VIDEO, Scene 2: Safety Planning with Children Developmental Level Years 6 to 11](#)
- [VIDEO, Scene 3: Safety Planning with Youth Developmental Level Years 12 to 14](#)
- [VIDEO, Scene 4: Planning with Youth Developmental Level Years 15 to 18](#)
- [VIDEO, Scene 5: Safety Planning Considerations for a Child/Youth Testifying in Court](#)

### Understanding and Responding to Elder Abuse E-Book and Video

The [Understanding and Responding to Elder Abuse E-Book and Video](#) are designed for workers in B.C. who work with older adults who have been abused and neglected. The E-Book covers types of elder abuse and risk factors, B.C. government programs and community services available for older adults who are abused and neglected, and practice tips on how to work with older adults who have been abused. The video on Understanding and Responding to Elder Abuse covers the concepts of capacity, consent, and mental confusion, with specific focus on the issue

of financial abuse. The video was developed by the BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support in 2013.

- [E-book](#)
- [Video](#)

### Human Trafficking: Canada Is Not Immune

[Human Trafficking: Canada Is Not Immune](#) is a free and accessible online training program for anyone who wants to learn more about human trafficking in Canada. The training provides information about the indicators of human trafficking and ways to meet the unique needs of trafficked persons.

## Trauma Informed Practice (TIP) Symposium for Justice, Public Safety and Anti-violence Community Sectors Webcast

British Columbia's Trauma Informed Practice (TIP) Symposium for Justice, Public Safety and Anti-Violence Community Sectors was held on March 1 and 2, 2017 in Richmond. The multi-disciplinary symposium brought together more than 300 representatives from police, Crown counsel, victim service and violence against women programs, corrections, judges, defence lawyers, family law lawyers, and others to learn about trauma informed practice. The symposium is part five year project, funded by Department of Justice Canada, to develop and implement a cross-sector, trauma informed practice curriculum for the justice, public

safety and anti-violence community sectors.

The symposium included keynote presentations by Dr. Lori Haskell (University of Toronto), Dr. Jeffrey Schiffer (Justice Institute of BC), Nancy Poole (BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health), Dr. John Briere (University of Southern California), which covered topics including the neurobiology of trauma, Aboriginal and health sector perspectives on trauma informed practice, and how complex trauma affects victims' responses. The symposium also included several cross sector panels with representation from police, cor-

rections, family lawyers, judges, and anti-violence organizations.

Breakout sessions allowed participants to engage in discussions about pre-charge/investigation, the court process, post-sentencing, the civil court process, and Aboriginal justice, as well as working with clients with mental health and/or substance use issues, Aboriginal clients, immigrant/refugee clients, youth, and vicarious trauma.

Videos of the TIP Symposium sessions are [available online](#).

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