

# FVFL

Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings



# Traumatic Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence:

Challenges for Survivors Involved in the Family Court System



# Land Acknowledgement

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# Supporting the Health of Survivors

## of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings Community of Practice

- Study Purpose: To initiate, host, and support a Community of Practice (CoP) comprised of experts and practitioners in the family violence and family law sectors to enhance the capacity of practitioners to address family violence safely and effectively. Through the CoP, there will be **enhanced support to survivors of violence through the family law system by increasing opportunities for family law practitioners to have training, guidance and resources to support trauma-informed practice, and to improve coordination of services that will enhance the safety and wellbeing of all parties.**
- Timeline: November 2020 to November 2023
- Funder: Public Health Agency of Canada
- National Alliance of Gender-Based Violence Research Centres in Canada (Western University is lead)
- CoP Experts (family law, IPV-serving organizations, special populations, IPV survivors)



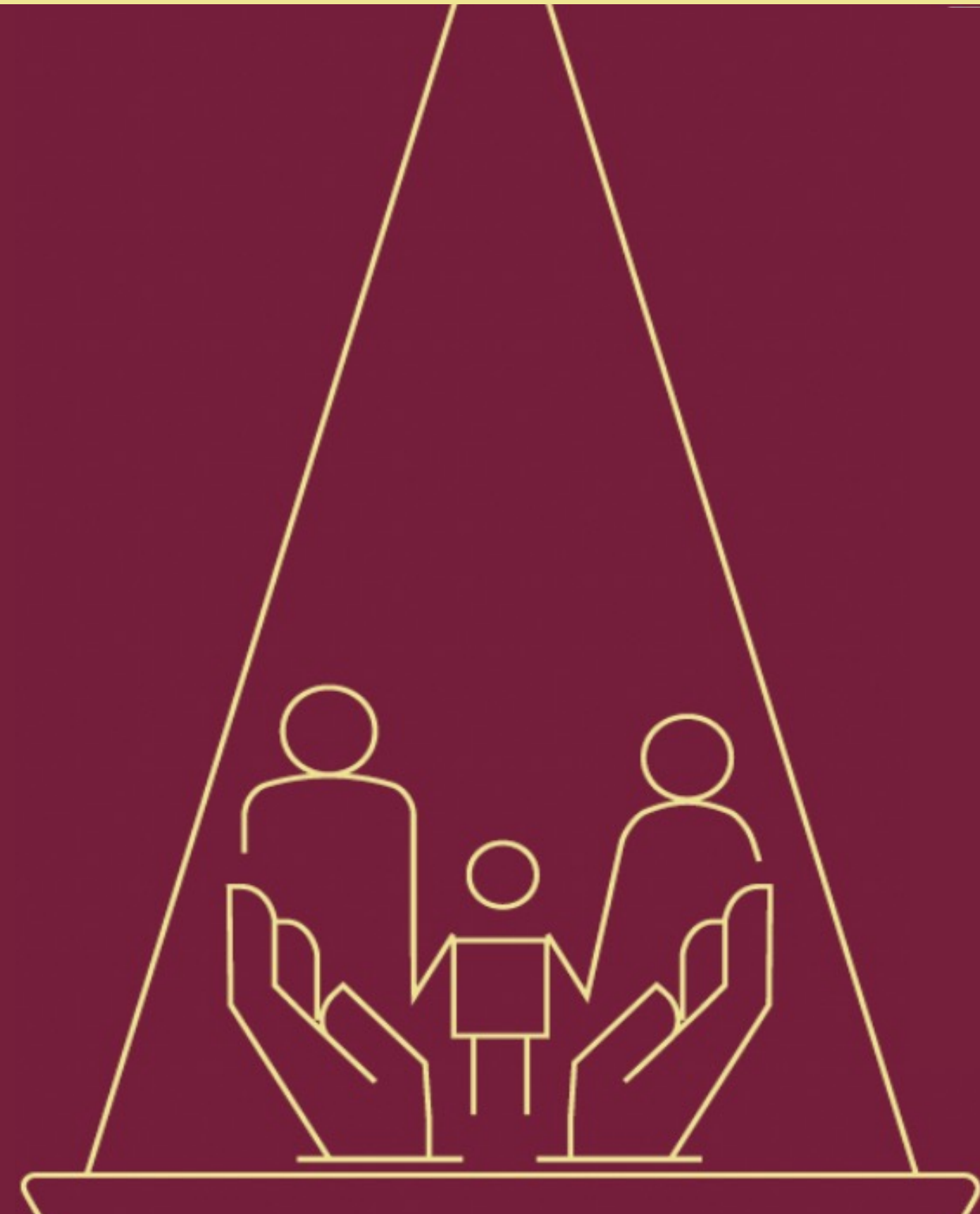
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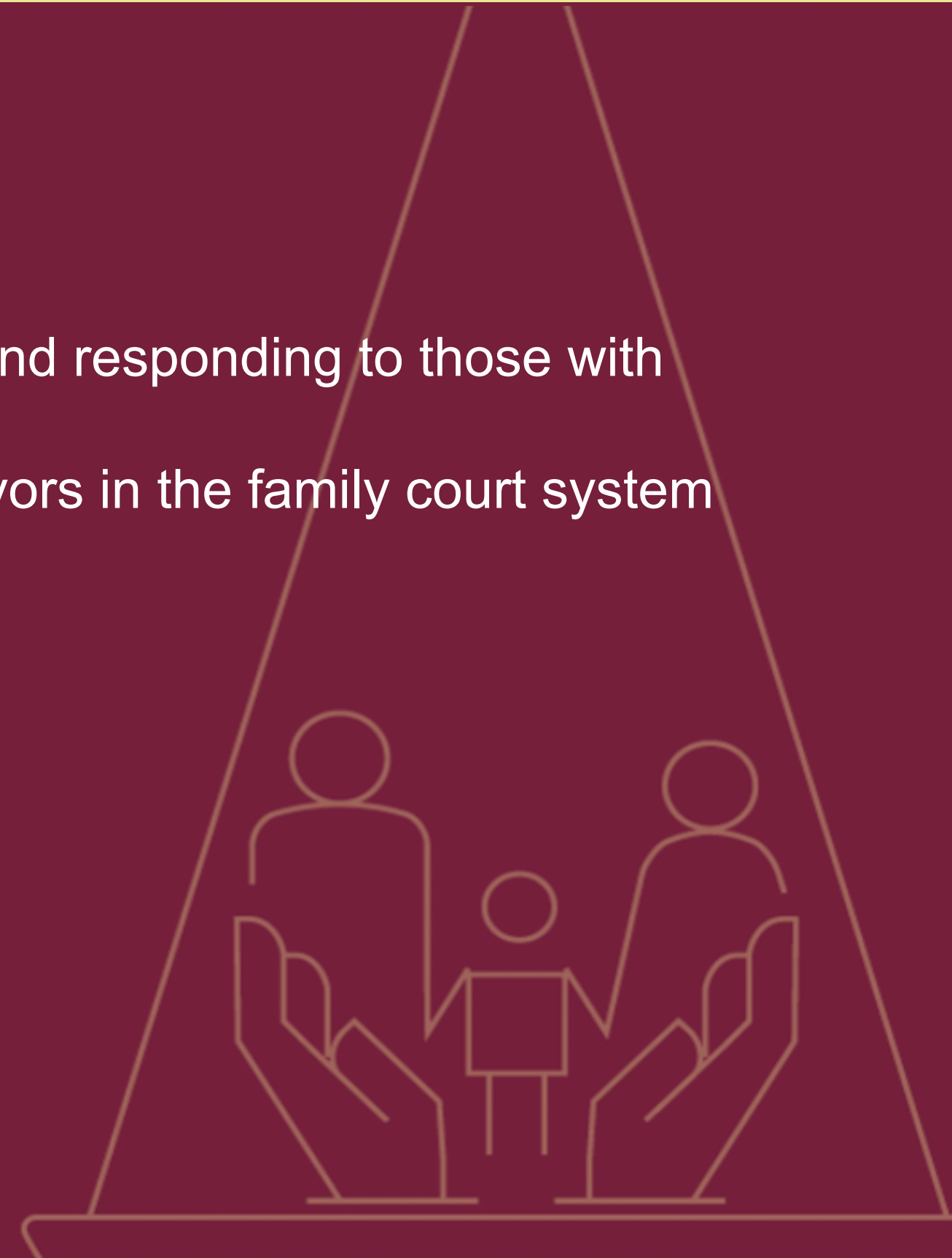
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- Participants will remain muted & have their video turned off during the entire webinar
- During Q & A session participants may ask questions by clicking the Q & A button (bottom of screen)



# Webinar Schedule

- 1:00 - 1:10 pm: Welcome, land acknowledgement, and introductions
- 1:10 - 1:30 pm: Overview of IPV and IPV-related TBI
- 1:30 - 1:50 pm: The role of frontline service providers in recognizing and responding to those with suspected IPV-related head trauma
- 1:50 - 2:10 pm: How IPV-related TBI can present challenges for survivors in the family court system
- 2:10 - 2:25 pm: Q&A
- 2:25 - 2:30 pm: Closing remarks



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# Webinar Speakers



Dr. Michael Ellis is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery, Section of Neurosurgery at the University of Manitoba. He is the Medical Director of the Pan Am Concussion Program, a clinical program that provides multi-disciplinary care of patients with concussion and other forms of traumatic brain injuries throughout Manitoba and central Nunavut. His clinical and research interests involve the use of telemedicine to deliver care to underserved rural and remote communities and the development of clinical programs and systems of care that serve patients with intimate partner violence traumatic brain injuries.



Ashley Stewart is a registered psychiatric nurse and has been practicing forensic nursing for 15 years. She is the current coordinator of the forensic nurse examiner program at Health Sciences which sees all ages of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Ashley teaches at Duquesne University in the Master of Forensic Nursing Program and is active on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

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# Alliance of Canadian Research

## Centres on Gender Based-Violence

Canada's research centres (RESOLVE, RAIV, The FREDIA Centre, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, & Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women and Children (CREVAWC)) on violence against women initiate, host and support a **Community of Practice (CoP)** comprised of family violence experts, survivors, family lawyers, researchers, mental health, and social service professionals.

Visit the Alliance website (<https://alliancevaw.ca>) to access past webinar recordings and PowerPoint slides.

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