



RESOLVE Network Update

Raising Awareness of Domestic Violence Across the Prairies

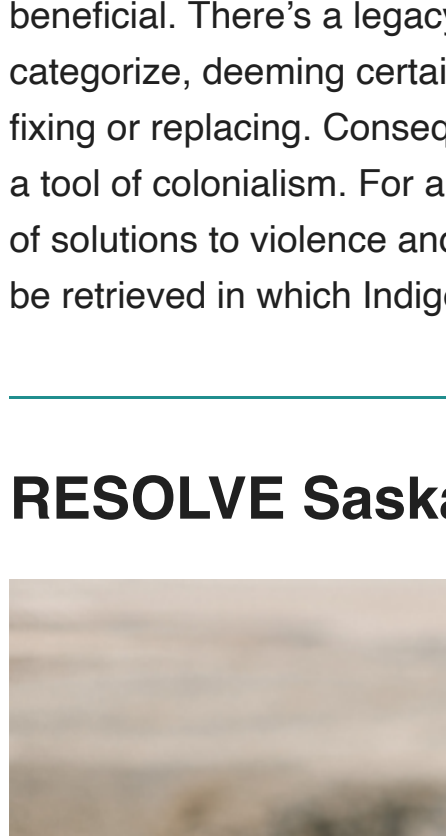
The RESOLVE Network acknowledges November as Domestic Violence Awareness month in Manitoba, Family Violence Prevention month in Alberta, and Violence Prevention Week in Saskatchewan (November 30th-December 6th, 2020.)

Domestic violence is a prevalent problem that affects everyone regardless of age, gender, socio-economic status, religion, or nationality. Notably, while both men and women experience domestic violence, women are over-represented as victims, approximately 20% higher than men according to [Statistics Canada research](#). [Read more.](#)

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RESOLVE Saskatchewan Update

The Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol Act (Clare's Law)

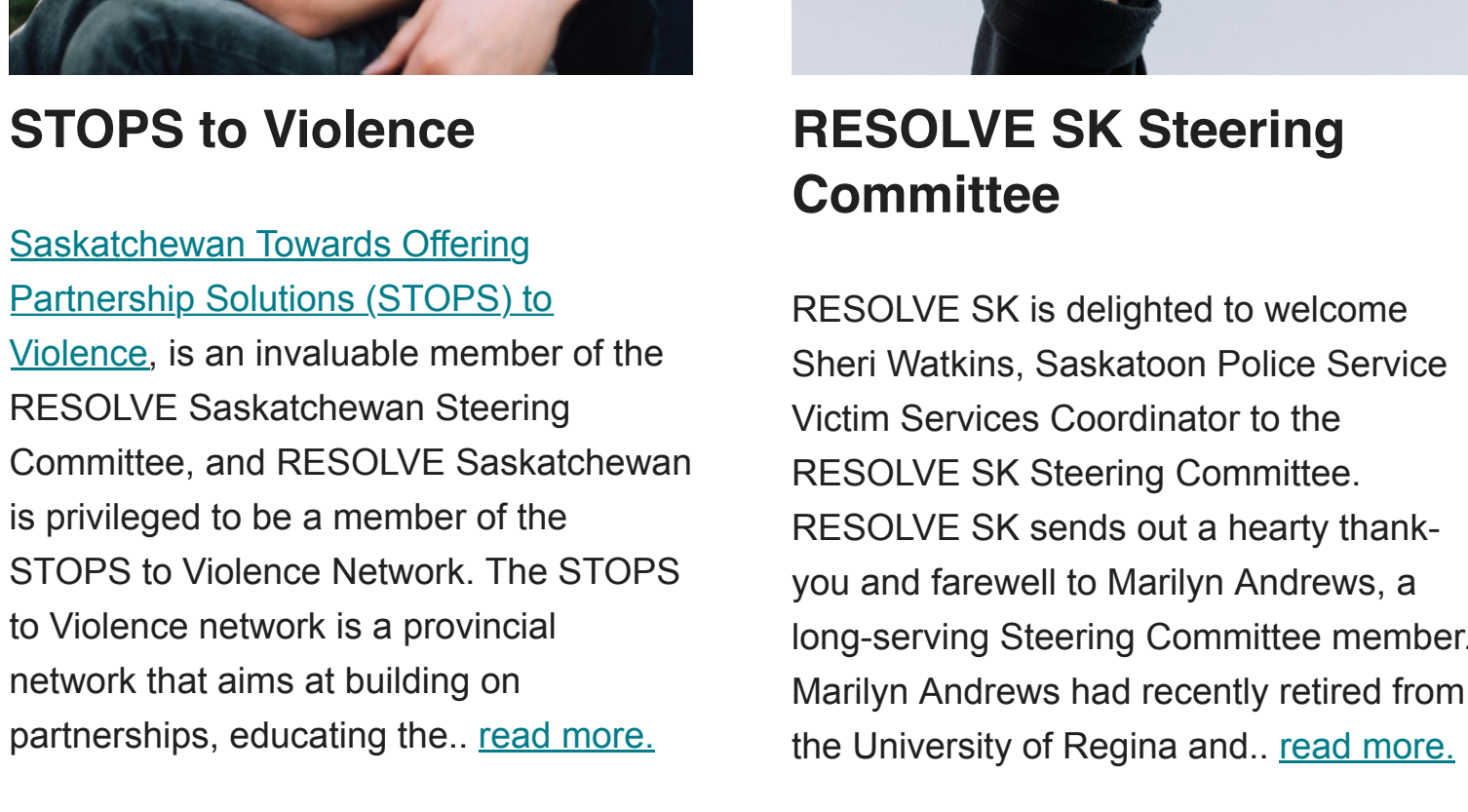


The *Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol Act*, better known as Clare's Law, is provincial legislation that came into force in Saskatchewan on June 29, 2020. Saskatchewan is the first province in Canada to enact Clare's Law, though other jurisdictions such as Alberta and Newfoundland are also in the process of developing similar legislation. The Act itself is accompanied by the Interpersonal Violence Disclosure (Clare's Law) Regulations and the Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol. The legislation is designed to facilitate the disclosure of risk information in order to prevent future victimization by legally authorizing police to disclose information to current or potential intimate partners for the purpose of informing and protecting individuals who are at risk. [Read more.](#)

Indigenous Engagement

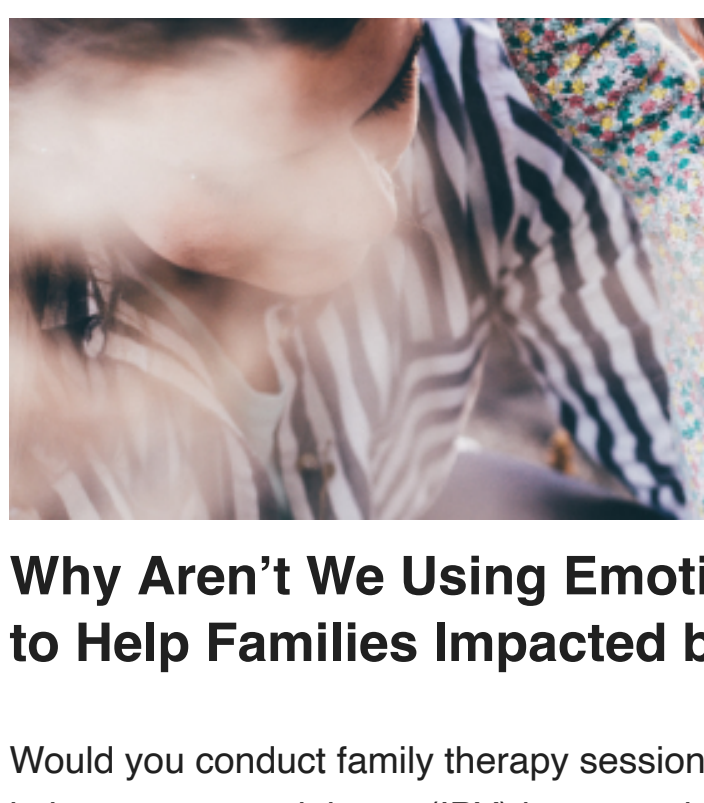
Researchers in the area of interpersonal and family violence typically hope that their work will have a positive impact, yet the change that research can bring about isn't always beneficial. There's a legacy in North America of research being used to regulate and categorize, deeming certain knowledge as legitimate and other knowledge as in need of fixing or replacing. Consequently, there's a legacy in North America of research serving as a tool of colonialism. For an organization such as RESOLVE that aspires to the discovery of solutions to violence and abuse, it is critical that this legacy be challenged, and spaces be retrieved in which Indigenous voices can thrive in the fields of research. [Read more.](#)

RESOLVE Saskatchewan Update



RESOLVE SK staff, students, Steering Committee members and partners continue to work together to address issues related to interpersonal violence and abuse in Saskatchewan.

RESOLVE SK is also pleased to provide some background information on Clare's Law that came into force in Saskatchewan on June 29, 2020 with thanks to the efforts of PATHS, to provide a summary of the work RESOLVE SK Research Assistant Shaylyn White has done to help build stronger relationships with Saskatchewan's Indigenous communities; and to invite individuals in getting involved with STOPS to Violence. [Read more.](#)



STOPS to Violence

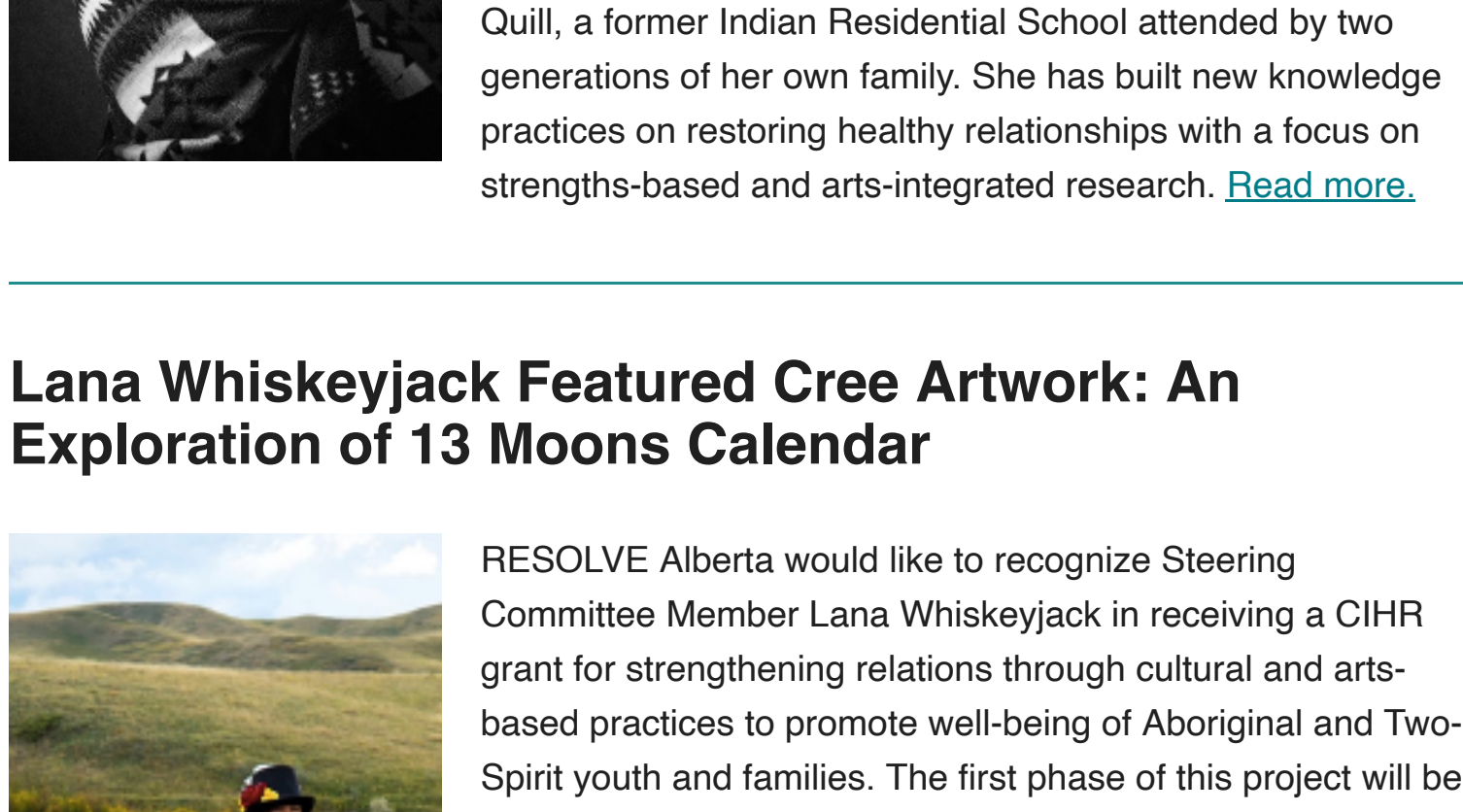
Saskatchewan Towards Offending Partnerships Solutions (STOPPS) to Violence, is an invaluable member of the RESOLVE Saskatchewan Steering Committee, and RESOLVE Saskatchewan is privileged to be a member of the STOPS to Violence Network. The STOPS to Violence network is a provincial network that aims at building on partnerships, educating the... [read more.](#)



RESOLVE SK Steering Committee

RESOLVE SK is delighted to welcome Sheri Perkins, Saskatoon Police Victim Services Coordinator to the RESOLVE SK Steering Committee. RESOLVE SK sends out a hearty thank-you and farewell to Marilyn Andrews, a long-serving Steering Committee member. Marilyn Andrews had recently retired from the University of Regina and... [read more.](#)

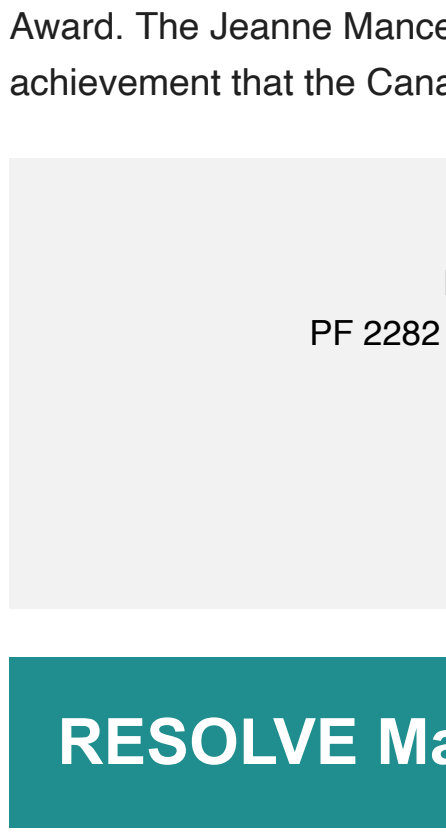
RESOLVE Alberta Update



Why Aren't We Using Emotionally Focused Family Therapy to Help Families Impacted by Situational Couple Violence?

Would you conduct family therapy sessions if the children in the family unit have witnessed intimate partner violence (IPV) between their parents? Responses to this question might produce very strong visceral reactions for therapists, given there is still great debate on how best to address IPV therapeutically. However, this question is important to ask, as violence in the home can significantly impede the development of healthy parent-child attachment relationships. Unfortunately, very little is known about whether family therapy could be appropriate when IPV is the presenting problem. [Read more.](#)

New RESOLVE Alberta Steering Committee Member Lana Whiskeyjack



RESOLVE Alberta would like to introduce Steering Committee Member Lana Whiskeyjack. Lana was recommended to join the RESOLVE Alberta team by Josie Nepinak, a former Steering Committee Member. Lana is a treaty skawew from Saddle Lake Cree Nation and is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Extension at the University of Alberta (since 2017). In 2017, Lana completed yiniw pimatisiwin kiskeyhtamowin doctoral program at University nuheho't'jine thaiyotsi nistameyimākanan Blue Quill, a former Indian Residential School attended by two generations of her own family. She has built new knowledge practices on restoring healthy relationships with a focus on strengths-based and arts-integrated research. [Read more.](#)

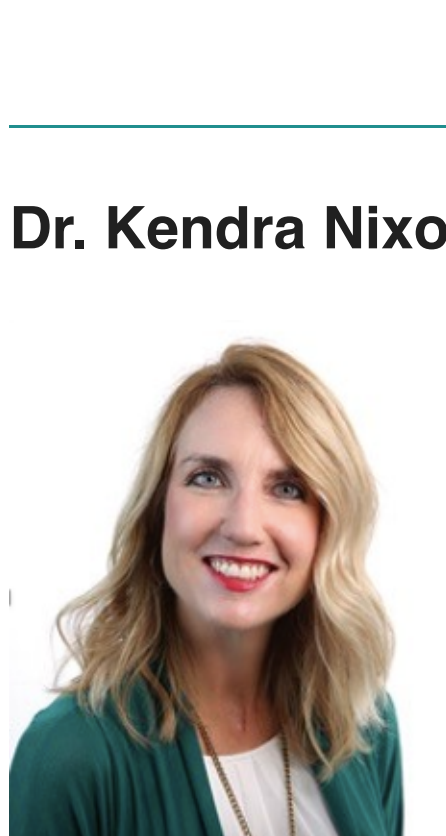
Lana Whiskeyjack Featured Cree Artwork: An Exploration of 13 Moons Calendar



RESOLVE Alberta would like to recognize Steering Committee Member Lana Whiskeyjack in receiving a CIHR grant for strengthening relations through cultural and arts-based practices to promote well-being of Aboriginal and Two-Spirit youth and families. The first phase of this project will be focused on building relationships with potential phases exploring the ideas from these relationships and creating a "rites of passage urban to spirit people" program.

Lana's artwork is based in arts-based inquiry research. She believes that artwork is a way to problem solve and process information as the left brain's research can be processed to the right side through creative inquiry, analysis and knowledge translation. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Nicole Letourneau Inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing and Recipient of the Jeanne Mance Award



Dr. Nicole Letourneau, PhD, ACHP Chair in Parent-Infant Mental Health and RESOLVE Alberta Academic Coordinator was recently granted fellowship into the American Academy of Nursing. To be chosen as a Fellow is considered a significant milestone in a nursing career, and Dr. Letourneau is 1 of only 39 Canadian nurses that have been accepted into the Academy. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Nicole Letourneau has also been selected as the award recipient of the Jeanne Mance Award. The Jeanne Mance Award is considered as the highest recognition of nursing achievement that the Canadian Nurses Association offers. [Read more.](#)

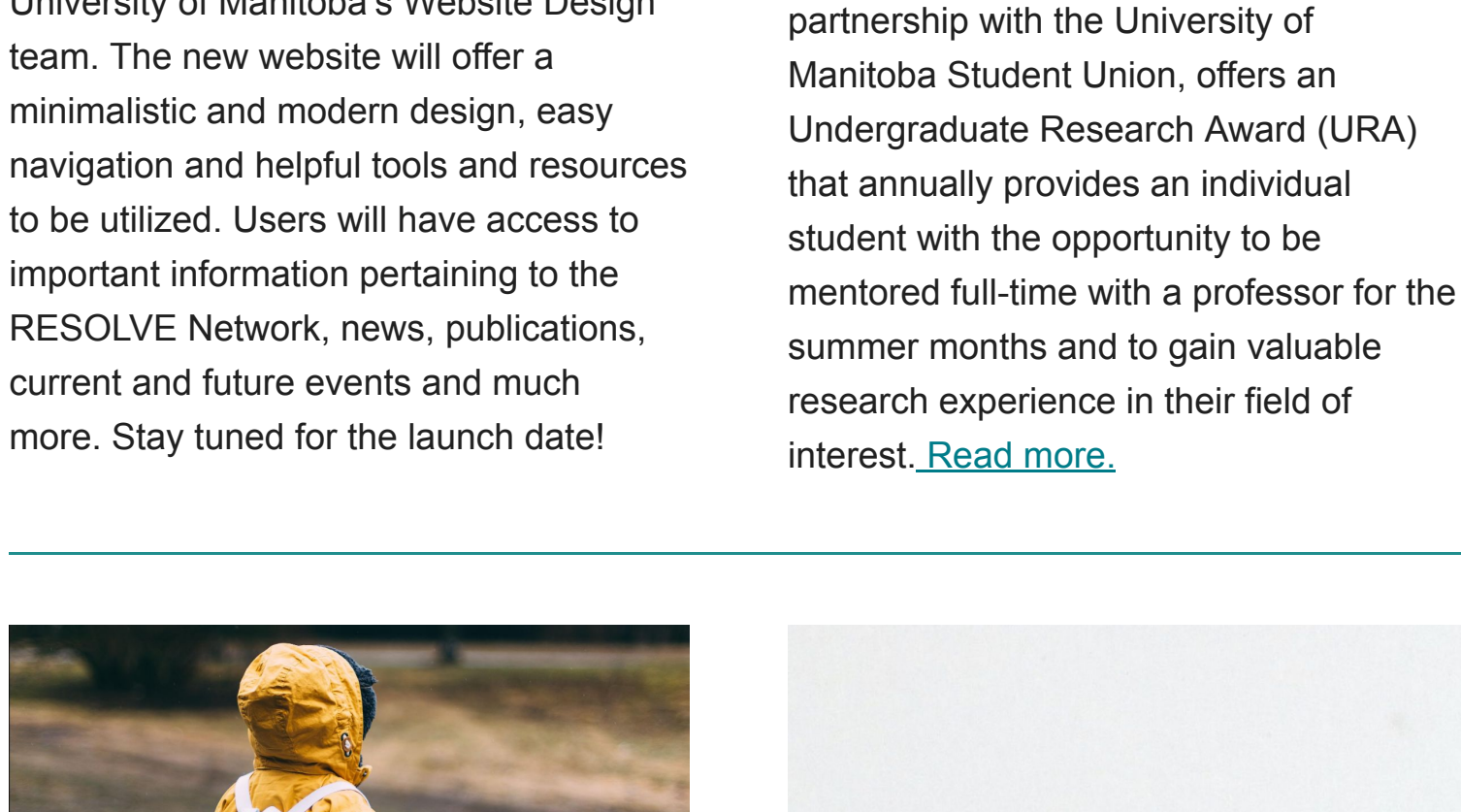
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RESOLVE Manitoba Update

RESOLVE Manitoba COVID-19 Update

RESOLVE Manitoba continues to adapt to the ever-changing COVID-19 environment, which includes staff continuing to work from home, hosting virtual meetings and virtual events and transferring data collection into online formats. RESOLVE Manitoba recognizes that we are all in this together and we must do our part in staying safe by following public health orders. We will continue to share information about COVID-19 and the impact on survivors and service providers through our social media channels.

RESOLVE Manitoba recently received a grant to explore the impact of COVID-19 on intimate partner violence survivors and service providers. See the announcement below for more details.



Responding to Gender-Based Violence Across the Prairies Webinar

The RESOLVE Network and Circling Buffalo Inc. recently hosted a webinar entitled Responding to Gender-Based Violence Across the Prairies to acknowledge November as being Domestic Violence Awareness month (Manitoba), Family Violence Prevention month (Alberta) and to raise awareness of Saskatchewan Violence Prevention Week (SVPW) held from November 30-December 6, 2020. The webinar was recorded for all those that were unable to attend, please click the link below to access the recording. Also, a copy of Dr. Erin Whitmore and Dr. AnnaLise Trudell's power point can be [downloaded here](#).

[View Recording](#)

Dr. Kendra Nixon Awarded \$24,780 for New Project



Dr. Kendra Nixon, Director of [RESOLVE](#) and Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Work, was recently awarded \$24,780 for her project investigating COVID-19 and the experiences of intimate partner violence (IPV) survivors and service providers. The study is a partnership with Nadine Henriquez (Faculty of Health Studies, Brandon University) and Nadine Smith, [Governance of Manitoba \(Status of Women\) Family Violence Prevention Program](#).

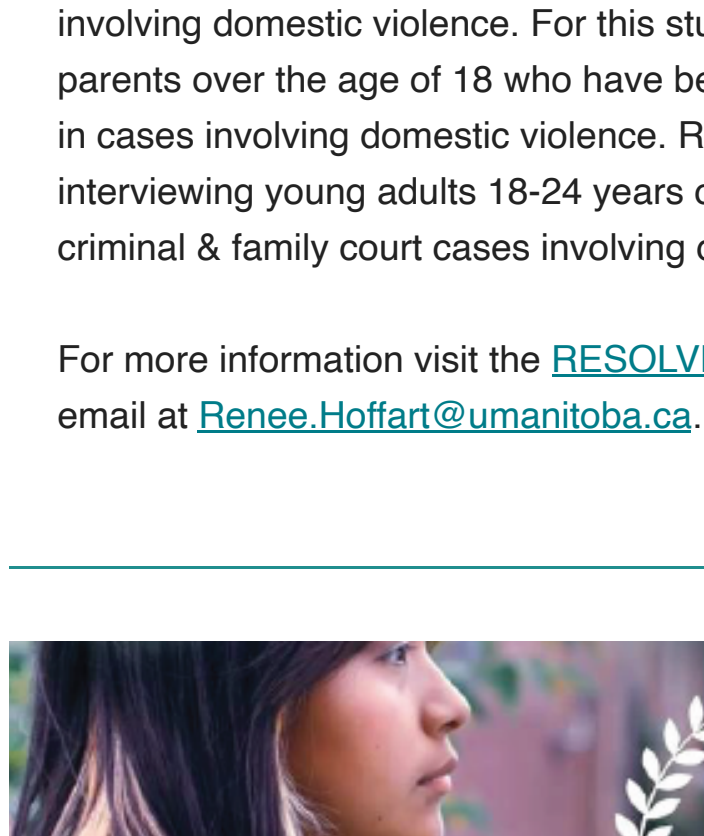
The project will aim to address current and critical gaps by better understanding how pandemics, such as COVID-19, directly impact survivors of IPV and the organizations that serve them. The objectives of the project include: 1) Establish a foundational understanding of the nature and scope of the impact of pandemics on the social issue of IPV. [Learn more](#) about the project here.

REES (Respect, Educate, Empower Survivors) Online Platform



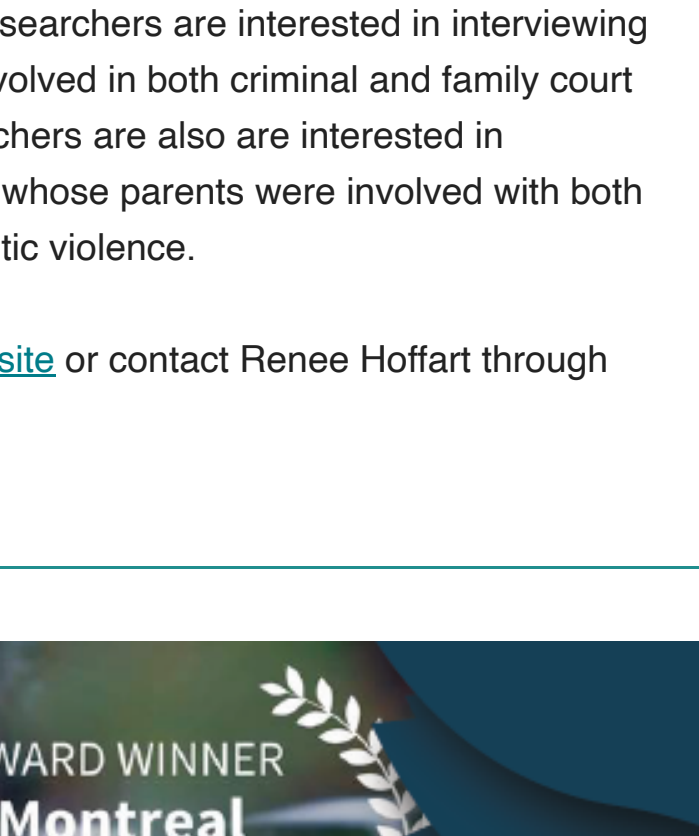
One year ago, we began working on the design and development of [REES \(Respect, Educate, Empower Survivors\)](#), an online platform for reporting sexual violence on campus.

Our first meetings were with students from institutions across Canada. Students from University of Victoria, Emily Carr, University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Canadian Mennonite University, Western University, McGill and Concordia were the first to provide input into REES with their thoughts and... [read more.](#)



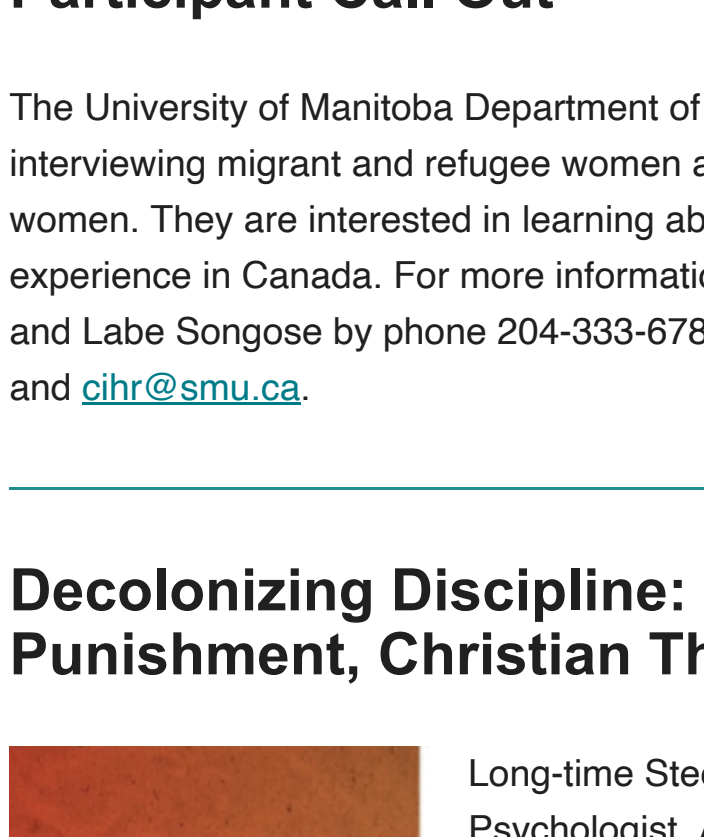
RESOLVE Manitoba Announces New Website in the Works

The RESOLVE Network and RESOLVE Manitoba is proud to announce that a new website is currently being built by the University of Manitoba's Website Design team. The new website will offer a minimalist and modern design, easy navigation and helpful tools and resources to be utilized. Users will have access to important information pertaining to the RESOLVE Network, news, publications, current and future events and much more. Stay tuned for the launch date!



RESOLVE Manitoba Hosts Undergraduate Research Award Recipient Karen Power

Each year the Office of the Vice-President, Research and International, in partnership with the University of Manitoba Student Union, offers an Undergraduate Research Award (URA) that annually provides an individual student with the opportunity to be mentored full-time with a professor for the summer months and to gain valuable research experience in their field of interest. [Read more.](#)



Caught in the Middle Environmental Scan

Caught in the Middle: Children's Involvement in the Court Process as it Relates to Intimate Partner Violence is a new Manitoba-wide environmental scan that consists of agencies and programs available to children and families involved in criminal and family court proceedings in cases of intimate partner violence (IPV). The agencies and programs... [read more.](#)

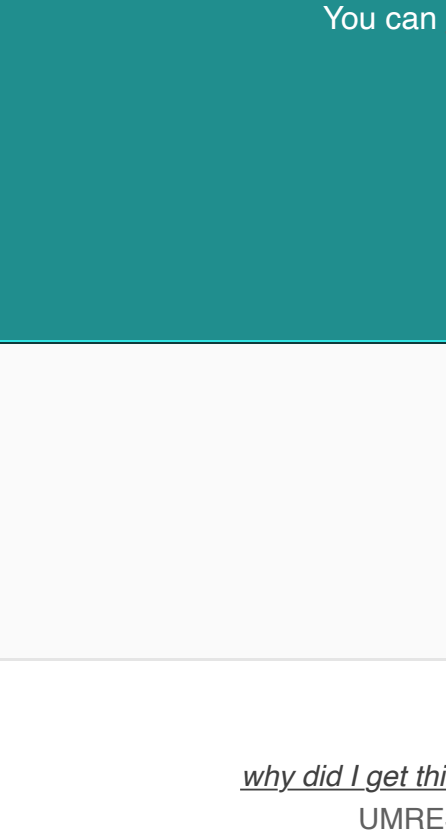


Farewell to Steering Committee Members

RESOLVE Manitoba announces farewell to Dr. Elaine Mordoch and Donald Votton from the University of Manitoba and Roberta Graham from Brandon University. We thank these Steering Committee members for their commitment and dedication to RESOLVE Manitoba and the Network over the past years and wish them the best.

Welcome to New Steering Committee Members

RESOLVE Manitoba is pleased to welcome new Steering Committee member Nadine Henriquez, RN, MN, Assistant Professor at Brandon University (Faculty of Health Studies).



Nadine Henriquez, as Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing at the University of Brandon incorporates her expertise in older adult and family health using a faculty developed Family Case Model approach to examine individual and family responses to illness while emphasizing a nurses' role in health promotion, prevention, curative, rehabilitative, and supportive care. Nadine Henriquez's research examining the impact of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/questioning (LGBTQ) curricular theory on students and the experiences... [read more.](#)

RESOLVE Manitoba is pleased to welcome new Steering Committee member Detective/Sergeant Shane Wepruk from the Winnipeg Police Service.

Detective/Sergeant Shane Wepruk has been with the Winnipeg Police Service for close to 15 years. He has worked intermittently in general patrol between working as an investigator in the Central Crime unit and the Arson Unit. He completed 3 years as a Domestic Violence Investigator before being promoted in spring of 2019 and returning to the front line of General Patrol. In February 2020, he took on the role of Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

RESOLVE Manitoba Call Out for Research Participants

Researchers at RESOLVE, University of Manitoba are conducting a study titled 'Caught in the Middle' to examine how family and criminal courts intersect in cases involving domestic violence. For this study, researchers are interested in interviewing parents over the age of 18 who have been involved in both criminal and family court in cases involving domestic violence. Researchers are also interested in interviewing young adults 18-24 years of age whose parents were involved with both criminal & family court cases involving domestic violence.

For more information visit the [RESOLVE website](#) or contact Renee Hoffart through email at Renee.Hoffart@umanitoba.ca.

The Road (2020) Screening and Conversation with Producers and Cast

[RESOLVE SK](#) and the [Stardale Women's Group](#) presents "The Road (2020) Screening and Conversation with Producers and Cast" on Thursday, December 3rd, 3:00-5:00 PM (GMT-6) through Zoom.

The Road (2020) is a short film starring the Indigenous girls of Stardale Women's Group. It explores various themes pertaining to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the legacy and inter-generational impact of colonialism in Canada. Recently, Stardale received an award for Best Short film from the Montreal Independent Film Festival.

[Register](#)

Violence Against Women Migrants and Refugees Participant Call Out

The University of Manitoba Department of Sociology and Criminology is interested in interviewing migrant and refugee women across Canada on the theme of violence against women. They are interested in learning about migratory journeys and settlement experiences in Canada. For more information [download the poster](#) or contact Lori Wilkinson and Labe Songwe by phone 204-333-6788 or lori.wilkinson@mymanitoba.ca and chir@smu.ca

Decolonizing Discipline: Children, Corporal Punishment, Christian Theologies, and Reconciliation

Long-time Steering Committee Member, Child Clinical Psychologist, Associate Professor of Family Social Sciences at the University of Manitoba and editor, Dr. Joan Durrant has brought together diverse voices in *Decolonizing Discipline* in order to respond to a call to action urging reform policies and programs to repair the harms caused by the Indian Residential schools. *Decolonizing Discipline* includes a multifaceted exploration of theological debates, scientific evidence, and personal journeys of the violence that permeated Canada's Residential Schools and continues in Canadian homes today. The book vividly illustrates the ways that colonial Western interpretations of Christian theologies have been used over centuries to normalize violence and rationalize the physical discipline of children. Through Dr. Joan Durrant's efforts, *Decolonizing Discipline* may compel everyone to begin to decolonize discipline in Canada. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you to the [Prairieaction Foundation](#) for funding the RESOLVE Network and allowing the Network to continue to conduct research aimed at ending family and gender-based violence.

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