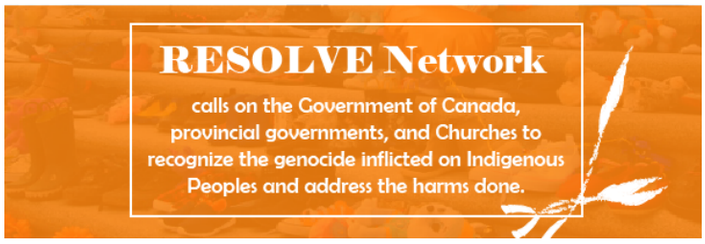
RESOLVE Network Update



The recent discovery of the remains of 215 Indigenous children in an undocumented mass gravesite at the Kamloops Indian Residential School is a devastating and painful reminder of the colonial policies that continue to impact the lives of Indigenous Peoples. Our thoughts are with these children, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, residential school survivors, and all who mourn these children and others yet to be found. We call on the Government of Canada, our provincial governments, and Churches to recognize the genocide inflicted on Indigenous Peoples and address the harms done. We honour the lives of those children. Our thoughts and hearts are with their families and loved ones.

RESOLVE Tri-Provincial Research Projects

Our offices are busy working on numerous research projects and initiatives. We continue to work on three tri-provincial research projects including:

Responding to Women Who Experience IPV in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies

The tri-provincial study explores rural women's experience of intimate partner violence and help-seeking across the Prairie Provinces. Although there is a growing body of research on female survivors of intimate partner violence, there is a paucity of research on the experiences of rural women.

Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in the 2SLGBTQ+ Community

Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in the 2SLGBTQ+ Community examines the nature and context of intimate partner violence within the 2SLGBTQ+ community across the Prairie Provinces. In doing so, this research aims to garner a comprehensive understanding of the service responses toward the issue and the possible barriers that might exist in relation to accessing these services.

Attachment & Child Health (ATTACH) Program: Promoting Vulnerable Children's Health At Scale

Through integrated Knowledge Translation (iKT)(Graham, Kothari et al. 2018) and Patient Engagement (PE)(CIHR/SPOR 2014, Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit 2018) approaches—where patients, health care professionals and health system administrators are partners—and along with our SPOR collaborators (e.g. Alberta SPOR Support Unit), RESOLVE is conducting an effectiveness-implementation hybrid (EIH) Type II study of ATTACH™.

To learn more about the RESOLVE Network's three tri-provincial projects visit the RESOLVE website.

Multi-Faces of Intimate Partner Violence Across the Prairie Provinces: Men as Victims

We are pleased to announce that the final report for the Multi-Faces of Intimate Partner Violence Across the Prairie Provinces: Men as Victims project is complete. To read the report (and environmental scan and research brief), please visit the RESOLVE website. A big thank you to Dr. Cheryl Fraehlich for providing an interesting and informative presentation to the Prairie*action* Foundation (PAF) Board on May 11, 2021. Thanks also to all PAF Board members who attended and to Heather Leeman from the Laurel Centre and Dana Riccio-Arabe from Wahbung Abinoonjiiag – both Winnipeg-based organizations, for sharing their thoughts on the importance of programming for male victims of violence.

Canadian Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative (CDHPI)

RESOLVE also continues to be involved in the Canadian Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative (CDHPI) Involving Vulnerable Populations and recently presented at their national conference, Preventing Domestic Homicide: From Research and Lived Experiences to Practice on May 13, 2021. The presentation slides, Achako nastakonikewin (Reconnecting our Spirits) and KA PASPICIK KITMAHITOWIN WIKIWAK (Survivors of Domestic Violence) compiled by Angie Hutchinson, Sharon Mason, Hilda Anderson-Pyrz, Dana Riccio-Arabe, Jacquie Leader, Renée Hoffart, and Kendra Nixon are available for download.

Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender-Based Violence

Alliance Announces New Co-Chairs and New Website

The Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender-Based Violence, is pleased to announce the appointment of Co-Chairs, Dr. Kendra Nixon (RESOLVE Network Director) and Dr. Karen Wood (RESOLVE Saskatchewan Interim Director). The Alliance congratulates Dr. Kendra Nixon and Dr. Karen Wood on their new appointments and look forward to future initiatives under their direction and leadership.

The Alliance recently launched their new website. The new website includes important news related to gender-based violence, collaborative research projects, education initiatives, publications, upcoming events, and much more. Visit the Alliance's new website and learn all about the important initiatives they are working on.

Alliance Involved in New Project, Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings

The *Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings* community project funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada is designed to address the unique need of survivors of family violence within the family justice system. The goal of this project is to enhance 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 well-being of all parties. Learn more.

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RESOLVE Manitoba Update

RESOLVE Manitoba Project Updates

We continue to work on several research projects, including provincial, tri-provincial, and national ones. See below for an update on some of our projects.

Caught in the Middle: Children's Involvement in the Court Process as it Relates to Intimate Partner Violence

A province-wide environmental scan of services and supports for families navigating the court systems was completed in summer 2020 and is available for download on the RESOLVE website.

COVID-19 and the Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence Survivors and Service Providers

A literature review on pandemics and the resulting impacts for survivors and service providers is currently being developed. We are also in the process of planning an interviewer training session in anticipation of commencing interviews with intimate partner violence survivors and have recently finalized a survey for service providers which will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in the 2SLGBTQ+ Community

The research team is currently in the process of reviewing drafts of the literature review and environmental scan. Once complete, these documents will be sent across the RESOLVE network, posted on our website, and shared on our social media. We recently finalized the survivor survey and are in the process of disseminating the survey across the Prairies. Click here to access the survey.

Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies

Team members of the *Responding to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies* project are working on the recruitment of survivors. Team members have reached out to identified Women's Shelters and Women's Resource Centers for this project in order to distribute the recruitment poster. Once participants have been identified, screening and scheduling interviews will begin.

Multi-Faces of Intimate Partner Violence Across the Prairie Provinces: Men as Victims

The final report authored by Dr. Cheryl Fraehlich for the *Multi-Faces of IPV Across the Prairie Provinces: Men as Victims* project was completed and is available for download. The report was the result of a special call-out by the Prairie*action* Foundation for tri-provincial research to examine men as victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) across the prairies.

For more information about all of our projects (current and completed), visit the RESOLVE website.

RESOLVE Awarded $29,914 Through the Indigenous Initiatives Fund at the University of Manitoba

RESOLVE Manitoba was recently awarded $29,914 through the Indigenous Initiatives Fund at the University of Manitoba for a new project entitled, *Assessing Capacity to Conduct Indigenous-Based Research and Engage with Indigenous Communities in the Prairie Provinces*. The project will result in the Network having greater capacity to conduct research based on stronger relationships with Indigenous partners and will embrace fundamental principles, such as good faith, reciprocity, and trust. Learn more.

Carolynne and Dan Boivin Donate $30,000

A huge thank you to Carolynne and Dan Boivin for generously renewing their commitment to the Carolynne Boivin Scholarship for Research in Family or Gender-Based Violence with a gift of $30,000. RESOLVE Manitoba is grateful for your on-going commitment to gender-based violence research and graduate student research at the University of Manitoba. To learn about the scholarship visit the RESOLVE Manitoba website.

Congratulations to the Carolynne Boivin Scholarship for Research on Family and Gender-Based Violence 2021 Recipients

Congratulations to University of Manitoba graduate students Bolloite Offor and Lauren Bresch, the recipients of the Carolynne Boivin Scholarship for Research on Family and Gender-Based Violence (Winter 2021 competition).

Bolloite Offor (Faculty of Law) *"Noticing" Intersectionality in Sexual Assault Trials: The Influence of Feminist Organisations on the Barton Decision*

In the 2019 case of R v Barton, the Supreme Court of Canada, in what might be considered a ground-breaking decision, judicially noticed the fact that myths, stereotypes and discriminatory practices which operate against sexually assaulted women within the Canadian criminal justice system become compounded when the woman in question is Indigenous and more so, when the Indigenous woman ... learn more.

Lauren Bresch (Department of Sociology and Criminology) *"Who is Responsible? Discourses on Mothering and Protecting Children in Service Provider Responses to Intimate Partner Violence in Manitoba"*

Lauren Bresch's research analyzes how service providers in Manitoba make sense of mothering and the responsibility of protecting children in the context of IPV. Prior feminist research has found that the implementation of gender-neutral legislation for family violence and child protection has shifted the focus away from men's violence and onto women's 'failures' as mothers. Learn more.

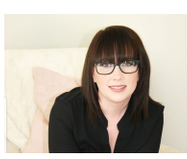
RESOLVE Manitoba Launches New Website

The RESOLVE Network and RESOLVE Manitoba is proud to introduce the new RESOLVE website built by the University of Manitoba's Next Generation Website Team. The new website includes a minimalistic and modern design, easy navigation, and helpful tools and resources. Users now have access to important information pertaining to the RESOLVE Network, news, research projects, publications, current and future events and much more. View the new website here.

COVID-19, the Shadow Pandemic, and Access to Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence Webinar

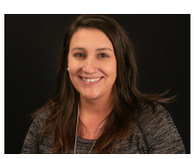
As part of the *Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings project,* RESOLVE Manitoba hosted a free webinar entitled *COVID-19, the Shadow Pandemic, and Access to Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence*, a preliminary assessment of the extent to which Canada's early responses to the COVID-19 pandemic prioritized the safety of women and children on March 6th, 2021. A huge thank you to our presenters, Jennifer Koshan, Janet Mosher, Wanda Wiegers, Paula Ediger and Zahra Hosseini. The webinar was recorded for all those who were unable to attend and may be accessed through Youtube. Powerpoint slides from the webinar were also made available and can be downloaded on the RESOLVE website.

RESOLVE Manitoba Welcomes 4 New Staff Members



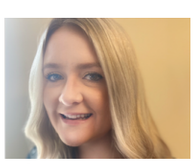
New Research Assistant, Kathleen McDonald

Kathleen McDonald has worked with children, youth, and families in various roles since 2004. Kathleen has a Masters of Social Work (MSW) degree, is a Registered Social Worker (RSW), and is also a Play Therapy student (CAPT).



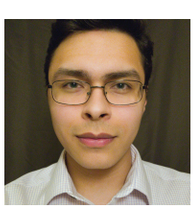
New Research Assistant, Nikki Klymochko

Nikki Klymochko is Cree, Saulteaux, and a member of the Métis Nation. She is a Masters Student in the Masters of Social Work Based in Indigenous Knowledges program at the University of Manitoba.



New Research Coordinator, Taylor Richards

Taylor Richards serves as the Research Coordinator for the *Responding to Women Who Experience IPV in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies* project and is also involved in the MB Wellness Justice Project. Taylor Richards has a Masters in Social Work obtained from St. Cloud State University.



Recipient of the Undergraduate Research Award, Logan Stalker

Logan Stalker is currently a student in the Bachelor of Social Work Concentrated program at the University of Manitoba. He is one of this year's recipients of the Undergraduate Research Award and has chosen to work with Dr. Kendra Nixon and the RESOLVE Network this summer.

Learn more about RESOLVE Manitoba's new staff members here.

RESOLVE Manitoba Welcomes Dr. Ashley Stewart-Tufescu, New Member of the Steering Committee, Regional Council, and Partnership Board

Dr. Ashley Stewart-Tufescu is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba and a founding member of the Childhood Adversity and Resilience (CARe) Research Team in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. Her research program is multi-disciplinary, international in scope and practice, and is based on universal human rights principles. Her work aims to (1) prevent violence against children by implementing evidence-based parenting interventions designed to promote healthy child development, enhance family relationships, and support community well-being; and (2) address the historical and contemporary social injustices, systemic barriers, and policy and legislation that normalize and perpetuate childhood adversity and the associated intergenerational transmission of trauma.

Farewell to Steering Committee Member, Sarah Dack

RESOLVE Manitoba says farewell to Steering Committee member, Sara Dack. We thank Sara for her commitment and dedication to RESOLVE Manitoba and the Network over the past few years and wish her the best.

Farewell to Dr. Cheryl Fraehlich

The RESOLVE Network announces the retirement of Dr. Cheryl Fraehlich, RESOLVE Manitoba Research Associate. Cheryl has been with RESOLVE Manitoba for the past 18 years and had contributed immensely to the field of research focusing on family and gender-based violence. The RESOLVE Network would like to thank Cheryl for her dedication and hard work over the years and wish her the very best on her well-deserved retirement.

RESOLVE Manitoba Call Out for Research Participants

RESOLVE Manitoba is seeking participants to help us examine how pandemics (such as COVID-19) impact survivors of intimate partner violence and the organizations that serve them and their families. Participants must be adults (18 years or older), reside in Manitoba, Canada, experienced some form of intimate partner violence since mid-March 2020 and are currently in a safe situation free from violence. If all the criteria is met, potential participants may contact RESOLVE Manitoba at 1-866-815-9228 or Renee.Hoffart@umanitoba.ca to participate in an interview. For more information visit the RESOLVE Manitoba website.

RESOLVE Manitoba Call Out for Research Participants

RESOLVE Manitoba is seeking participants to help us examine women's experiences of intimate partner violence in rural Manitoba. Participants must be adults (18 years or older), have experienced intimate partner violence (within the last 10 years), have been living in a rural area during their experiences of violence, and are no longer living with their abusive/violent partner. If all the criteria is met, potential participants may contact RESOLVE Manitoba at 1-833-440-1960 or

Taylor.Richards@umanitoba.ca to participate in an interview. For more information visit the RESOLVE Manitoba website.

RESOLVE Manitoba Call Out for Survey Participants

RESOLVE Manitoba is seeking survey participants for a study entitled: *Examining the Nature & Context of Intimate Partner Violence in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities.* Participants in the study must be adults (18 years or older), identify as a member of a 2SLGBTQ+ community, and have experienced intimate partner violence between 2015-2020 in one of the prairie provinces. If each of the criteria are met, RESOLVE is interested in hearing about their experience through a survey. The information provided in the survey will be used to help RESOLVE learn how to improve service provision responses toward survivors of intimate partner violence. If you would like to participate in the survey, click here.

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RESOLVE Saskatchewan Update

RESOLVE Saskatchewan continues to engage with community members, researchers and policy makers to address gender-based violence through research projects and education despite the challenges that have resulted from the pandemic. The RESOLVE Saskatchewan website is continually updated thanks to the continued efforts of RESOLVE Research Assistant Morgana Machea. We are fortunate to also have Shaylyn White working as a Research Assistant with the tri-provincial research project, *Examining the Nature & Context of IPV in 2SLGBTQ+ Communities* and Masters of Sociology student, Kayla Arisman has been working with us on the tri-provincial research project *Responding to Women Who Experience IPV in Rural Municipalities Across the Prairies.* Learn more.

52° North Program in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Family Service Saskatoon (FSS), a RESOLVE Saskatchewan Steering Committee member, is a non-profit counselling agency that works with individuals, couples, youth, and families. FSS offers counselling, group therapy, and education in specialized areas such as intimate partner violence, and offers support to teens, young parents, and youth exposed to violence. Learn more.

RESOLVE Saskatchewan Intern Experience

As a student currently finishing a Certificate in Criminology and Addictions, I have had the opportunity to work with RESOLVE Saskatchewan. Through this sociologically focused certificate program offered by the University of Saskatchewan, I have taken courses in criminology, penology and corrections, and addiction to name a few. In my time at University, I have also taken several women and gender studies courses as I am fascinated by how the role of gender and sexuality impact our interactions, beliefs, and values adding to my feminist framework. Learn more.

RESOLVE Saskatchewan Welcomes New Steering Committee Members

RESOLVE Saskatchewan appreciates their Steering Committee members, who continue to work collaboratively in order to respond to the complex issues related to gender-based violence, despite the extraordinary challenges experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are delighted to introduce you to our newest RESOLVE Saskatchewan Steering Committee members. The new Steering Committee Members include: Dr. Jorden Cummings, Mari Petroski, Dr. Lise Milne, and Sheri Watkins.

To learn about each new Steering Committee member, click here.

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RESOLVE Alberta Update

Highlighting a Tertiary Family Violence Prevention Program – Men's Counselling Service of the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter

For the past several decades, the focus of family violence programming and services has primarily been on supporting victims and their children through emergency shelters, second stage shelters, and counselling programs. While these services remain critical, in order to end violence, it is increasingly recognized that we must intervene at all levels on the prevention continuum. One aspect of a secondary prevention approach is to engage men and boys who are at high risk of perpetrating violence, and an important strategy in tertiary prevention is working with people who are perpetrating violence with a view to preventing the re-occurrence of the violence (Turner, Wells, Morley, Ruse & Hansen, 2018). Read more.

Experiences of Albertan Families with Young Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic Executive Report

The psychological, economic and social effects of the pandemic are pervasive. Contemporary quality data on family coping during this unprecedented global pandemic is crucial to inform strategies and resource allocation to minimize adverse health, mental health and financial outcomes for families.

In a May 2020 study, data was collected from approximately 2,000 Albertan families from a COVID-19 Impact Survey based on two longitudinal cohorts in Alberta: The All Our Families study (AOF) and the Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes and Nutrition study (APrON). Results from the study identify opportunities for prevention and intervention to promote well-being and resilience during a pandemic in Alberta. Read more.

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Upcoming Events

Self-Represented Litigants and Family Violence: Making a Difficult Experience Even Worse Webinar

Date: June 15, 2021
Time: 3:00-4:30pm EST
Featuring presenters: Julie Macfarlane (Director, National Self-Represented Litigants Project, Distinguished University Professor (Emerita) University of Windsor), The Honourable Mary Jo Nolan, The Honourable Lynda C. Templeton, Malcolm Bennett (Bluewater Mediation) and Julie Lee (Family Law Review Counsel, Western University).
Register here

4th European Conference on Domestic Violence Online From Slovenia

Date: September 13th - 15th, 2021
Visit the conference website for more information and to register.

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