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Durham Region's Intimate-relationship Violence Empowerment Network

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Welcome to our debut e-newsletter!

It will feature news on our initiative including partner agencies as well as a community spotlight on an event/agency.

We're working to make it better and invite you to share your suggestions and ideas for our newsletter to info@durhamdriven.com.

[L-R] David Currie (Family Service Durham), Allison Hector-Alexander (Durham College, UOIT & Trent in Oshawa), Sergeant. Debb Anderton (Durham Regional Police Services), Elizabeth Pierce (Catholic Family Service of Durham), Tracey Marshall (Durham College/UOIT), Brian Prousky (Durham Children's Aid Society), Jaki MacKinnon (Bethesda House), Jade Harper (Victim Services of Durham Region), Ramela Garcia (DRIVEN Project Coodinator), Julia Heeps (Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Care Centre). Missing: Deputy Chief Sherry Whiteway.

Clinic's One Year Anniversary

In April we celebrated our one year anniversary with an Open House at the clinic. It was a busy afternoon filled with community supporters taking tours of the facility and there were plenty of questions to better understand and connect with the DRIVEN model.

We were honoured to have Wanda Secord, Executive Director of Durham Children's Aid Society and Police Chief Mike Ewles address the importance of community partnerships, value of services to victims of domestic violence and their continued support for the project.

Thank you to all our community colleagues who have supported the introduction of a co-located and collaborative model of services for victims of relationship violence in Durham Region. We look forward to continuing to work with you all as we strive to bring the clinic to the community 5 days per week.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

During the Open House, Jaki MacKinnon (Chair of the DRIVEN Executive Steering Committee) announced that DRIVEN was awarded a two year grant from The Ontario Trillium Foundation. She went on to say that the grant brings DRIVEN much needed funds to keep moving forward and that it will be used to develop a strategic plan that focused on the next steps of the project.

Ontario Trillium Foundation
Fondation Trillium de l'Ontario

5th Annual Forum

There will be a change of plans for the annual forum as we concentrate on the development and implementation of our strategic plan. To accommodate this priority, we are postponing our next forum until further notice. We know many look forward to our annual forums and we look forward to seeing everyone attend them, but is necessary to stay on track with our strategic plan. We thank everyone for understanding and we be sure to let you know when our next forum is planned.

"I'm glad I came. I thought it would have been more stressful but it wasn't."

- DRIVEN client

Community Spotlight

Catholic Family Services of Durham

invites you to its'

1st Annual 5km Walk-A-Thon

Catholic Family Services of Durham (CFSD) is dedicated to strengthening the emotional and social well-being of individuals and families, regardless of denomination, through counselling, prevention and education.

CFSD proudly announces its' first annual walk-a-thon ***"Walk With Me, So They Can Be Free".***

It will be held Saturday October 23rd, 2010 at 10am. Oshawa Creek Trail - Memorial Park, Oshawa. After the walk there will be a Charity BBQ along with family fun activities at Memorial Park.

Funds raised will enhance therapeutic resources and group materials to help victims of domestic violence.

To register for the walk or to make a pledge, please contact CFSD at (905) 725-3513 or view their website at www.cfsdurham.com.

Durham Regional Police Services receives 14 domestic voilence calls per day - 2 calls per hour.

DRIVEN is open every Monday except on statutory holidays

905-432-SAFE [7233] or 1-877-SAFE-905

Walk-ins welcome or call for an appointment 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1320 Airport Blvd., Oshawa
East entrance beside playground

www.durhamdriven.com

Our First Year *(Apr'09-Apr'10)*

We'd like to give you some insight on what we've experienced in our first year of service. As of April 8, 2010 the DRIVEN Clinic has been in service for 61 Mondays (closed on statutory holidays). In those 61 days, 85 women (with 37 children) have come to the centre for assistance. Eighty-eight percent of these women were referred to the Clinic by community agencies. Twelve percent were either self referred or referred by friends/family, often citing our website as their source. During their visits to the clinic these women each received anywhere from 2 to 6 hours of support from the variety of services available on-site, had follow-up appointments scheduled with the agencies, and were referred to off-site agencies as appropriate. The feedback from these women regarding the co-ordinated access to services that the DRIVEN model provides has been unanimously positive. We look forward to having more agencies join us on-site and expanding to offer more days per week.

Pinewood Centre Joins DRIVEN

Our service approach is collaboration and co-location which allows us to adapt as well as build on the various challenges in our community. It is with great pleasure to announce that Pinewood Centre has joined DRIVEN onsite every Monday to provide specialized addiction counselling. Pinewood Centre has provided Durham Region with over 40 years of addiction counselling and treatment services. Welcome to our family Pinewood Centre! For more information on Pinewood Centre, please go to their website http://www.pinewoodcentre.org.

Ontario Works Connection

After our first year it became evident that there was a rising client need for financial and housing services. To meet this demand DRIVEN will be collaborating off-site with Ontario Works on Mondays. Clients at DRIVEN will have a direct connection to Ontario Works along with various other services at the clinic that day.

To learn more about Ontario Works services, please go to their website http://www.accesson.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/ow.

Lawyer Needed

For the first few months of service we were fortunate to have a lawyer on site each Monday however due to a personal crisis that lawyer had to discontinue service. We are currently in the process of finding a replacement. If you are a lawyer interested in volunteering your services at the Clinic one day per week, or who would be available for telephone consultations that day, please contact us at 905-432-7233.

DRIVEN Collaborative Partners

Bethesda House
24-hour Support line 905-623-6050 or 1-800-338-3397
www.bethesdahouse.ca

Catholic Family Services of Durham
905-725-3513 or 1-877-282-8932
www.cfsdurham.com

Domestic Violence Sexual Assualt Care Centre
905-721-6128 ext 2787
www.dvsacc.com

Durham Children's Aid Society
905-433-1551 or 1-800-461-8140
www.durhamcas.ca

Durham College/UOIT
905-721-8668
www.uoit.ca

Durham Regional Police Services
905-579-1520 or 1-888-579-1520
www.drps.ca

Family Services Durham
905-666-6240 or 1-866-840-6697
www.durham.ca

Ontario Works
1-877-678-6333
www.accesson.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/ow/index.aspx

Pinewood Centre
24 hours 905-668-1858 or 1-800-825-6325
www.pinewoodcentre.org

Victim Services of Durham Region
905-579-1520
www.drps.ca

To connect your agency with DRIVEN, please contact us at 905-432-7233 or via email at info@durhamdriven.com