VAW Services in a Pandemic: Knowledge Mobilization Project

The Violence Against Women Services in a Pandemic (VAWSP) project is generating diverse forms of data on the nature and impact of coronavirus-related changes in the VAW service ecosystem.

In partnership with Anova, London’s women’s shelter and sexual assault service (co-applicant), and collaborating with four additional VAW organizations: Women’s Rural Resource Centre (Strathroy), Optimism Place (Stratford), Women’s Interval Home of Sarnia-Lambton and Faye Peterson Transition House (Thunder Bay), our inter-related mixed-method studies will provide important knowledge to support services in real-time, and to plan for a stronger, more resilient sector.

This SSHRC-funded knowledge mobilization project will conduct short-term, targeted activities to move knowledge from the project in all directions: to service, policy, media and advocacy actors regionally, provincially and nationally. We will undertake an integrated, two-phase approach, creating a knowledge-sharing strategy with our research partners and involving additional VAW stakeholders along the way. Our timeline is:

PHASE 1: Research Results Event (Spring 2021)

Phase 1 will convene our immediate research partners and selected others to discuss findings from the VAWSP and formulate key messages, and develop knowledge-sharing strategies (e.g., policy & practice briefs, evidence-based narratives, multimedia vehicles, etc.) for direct-service, policy, media and advocacy audiences. A key deliverable will be a sector-led strategy for disseminating findings to national stakeholders within and outside the VAW sector.

PHASE 2: National knowledge mobilization: Knowledge Sharing Forum (Fall 2021)

Phase 2 will be the primary implementation event for the knowledge-sharing strategy developed in Phase 1. Led by sector partners, we will share findings in their various formats with a larger audience of national stakeholders.


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