

Services for Women Fleeing Abuse

Honourable Ida Chong

Minister of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues

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Emergency information and referrals are available through:

VictimLink 1 800 563-0808

or in the Emergency pages in your local telephone book The Province of British Columbia is committed to building the best system of support for women and children at risk. It is spending \$46.7 million this year to support direct services for women fleeing abuse, including:

Transition Houses

- Transition houses provide safe, supported temporary shelter for women and their children who are fleeing abuse. Shelter includes food and shelter, crisis intervention, information and referrals to other services.
- Government funds 63 transition houses in 57 communities throughout B.C.

Safe Homes

- Safe homes provide short term temporary emergency shelter and are usually found in communities where transition houses do not exist.
- The safe home may be a private home, hotel unit or rental apartment where a woman may stay while she's assisted to access longer term supports.
- Government funds 26 safe home programs in 25 communities throughout B.C.

Second-stage Housing

- Second-stage houses provide longer-term housing following a stay in a transition house or safe home.
- Government funds 9 second stage houses in 6 communities in B.C.

Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women

- Stopping the Violence counselling is for women who have experienced violence in relationships, childhood abuse, or sexual assault, to help them deal with the trauma of the experience.
- Government funds 102 counselling programs for women in 86 communities throughout B.C.

Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

- Children who Witness Abuse counselling is for children aged 3 18, who have witnessed abuse, threats or violence in the home to help these children and their adult caregivers heal from the trauma and learn about healthy relationships. This may include support groups and individual counselling sessions.
- Government funds 90 Children who Witness Abuse counselling programs in 87 communities throughout B.C.

Outreach Services

- Outreach services help women identify and access the services they need by providing supportive counselling; information and referrals; accompaniment and transportation to other necessary services.
- Outreach services also conduct public education initiatives to raise awareness about the issue of violence against women.
- Government funds 54 outreach services in 54 communities throughout B.C.
- 13 Multicultural outreach services in 10 communities respond to the diverse language and cultural needs of women in British Columbia, by helping them, in 20 different languages.

Information on services available in your area is also available from the Ministry of Community Services website:

http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca /womens_services

Ministry of Community Services Directory of Services for Women Fleeing Abuse – Lower Mainland 2006/07

Burnaby

Burnaby Family Life Institute

17 - 250 Willingdon Avenue Burnaby BC V5C 5E9

Tel: 604 659-2200

Fax: 604 299-9731

* Children Who Witness Abuse and Stopping the Violence Counselling

Marguerite Dixon Transition Society

31 - 250 Willingdon Avenue

Burnaby BC V5C 5E9

Tel: 604 298-3454

Fax: 604 433-1487

* Stopping the Violence Counselling, Transition House and Safe House

Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services

306 - 4980 Kingsway

Burnaby BC V5H 4K7

Tel: 604 436-1025

Fax: 604 436-3267

* Stopping the Violence Counselling

Coquitlam

Tri-City Women's Resource Society

Unit 200, 2540 Shaughnessy Street

Port Coquitlam BC V3C 3W4

Tel: 604 941-7111

Fax: 604 941-9275

* Transition House, Stopping the Violence and Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling and Outreach Services

Delta

Deltassist Family and Community Services Society

9097 120th Street

Delta BC V4C 6R7

Tel: 604 594-3455

Fax: 604 594-3496

* Outreach Services and Stopping the Violence Counselling

Surrey/Delta Immigrant Services Society

1107 - 7330 137th Street

Surrey BC V3W 1A3

Tel: 604 597-0205

Fax: 604 597-4299

* Multicultural Outreach Services and Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

Langley

Ishtar Transition Housing Society

5507 208th Street

Langley BC V3A 2K4

Tel: 604 534-1011

Fax: 604 534-1929

* Transition Houses, Stopping the Violence and Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

New Westminster

Family Services of Greater Vancouver

1616 West 7th Avenue

Vancouver BC V6J 1S5

Tel: 604 525-9144

Fax: 604 733-7009

* Stopping the Violence Counselling

Fraserside Community Services Society

519 7th Street

New Westminster BC V3M 6A7

Tel: 604 522-3722

Fax: 604 522-4031

* Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

Women In Need Gaining Strength (W.I.N.G.S.) Fellowship Ministries

#501-104-1015 Columbia Street

New Westminster BC V3M 6V3

Tel: 604 521-1888

Fax: 604 521-1879

North Vancouver

Family Services of the North Shore

101-255 West 1st Street

North Vancouver BC V7M 3G8

Tel: 604 988-5281

Fax: 604 988-3961

* Stopping the Violence Counselling

North Shore Crisis Services Society

119-255 West 1st Street

North Vancouver BC V7M 3G8

Tel: 604 987-0366

Fax: 604 987-1623

* Transition House, Outreach Services, Multicultural Outreach Services and Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

^{*} Transition House and Multicultural Outreach Services

Richmond

Chimo Crisis Services

120 - 7000 Minoru Boulevard Richmond BC V6Y 3Z5 Tel: 604 279-7077

Fax: 604 279-7075

Family Services of Greater Vancouver

1616 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver BC V6J 1S5 Tel: 604 279-7100 Fax: 604 733-7009

* Stopping the Violence Counselling

Surrey

South Fraser Women's Services Society

15318 20th Avenue Surrey BC V4A 2A2 Tel: 604 536-9611 Fax: 604 536-6362

* Stopping the Violence Counselling

Surrey Delta Immigrant Services Society

1107 - 7330 137th Street Surrey BC V3W 1A3 Tel: 604 597-0205 Fax: 604 597-4299

* Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

Atira Women's Resource Society

(AMA House for older women) 204 - 15210 North Bluff Road White Rock BC V4B 3E6 Tel: 604 531-9143

Fax: 604 531-9145

* Transition House

Surrey/ Newton

Atira Women's Resource Society

204 - 15210 North Bluff Road White Rock BC V4B 3E6 Tel: 604 531-9143 Fax: 604 531-9145

* Outreach Services and Second-stage Housing

Options: Services to Communities Society

100 - 6846 King George Highway

Surrey BC V3W 4Z9

Tel: 604 596-4321 Fax: 604 572-7413

* Multicultural Outreach Services, Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling and Transition House

Surrey/Delta Immigrant Services Society

1107 - 7330 137th Street

Surrey BC V3W 1A3

Tel: 604 597-0205

Fax: 604 597-4299

* Stopping the Violence Counselling and Multicultural Outreach Services

Surrey/Whalley

Atira Women's Resource Society (Shimai)

204 - 15210 North Bluff Road White Rock BC V4B 3E6

Tel: 604 531-9143 Fax: 604 531-9145

Surrey Whalley Options: Services to Communities Society

100 - 6846 King George Highway

Surrey BC V3W 4Z9 Tel: 604 596-4321

ICI, 007 370 732

Fax: 604 572-7413

Surrey Women's Centre Society

PO Box 33519, Surrey Place Mall

Surrey BC V3T 5R5

Tel: 604 589-1868

Fax: 604 589-2812

Atira Women's Resource Society (Durrant)

204 - 15210 North Bluff Road

White Rock BC V4B 3E6

Tel: 604 531-9143

Fax: 604 531-9145

* Transition House and Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

South Fraser Women's Services Society

15318 20th Avenue Surrey BC V4A 2A2

Tel: 604 536-9611

Fax: 604 536-6362

^{*} Transition House, Multicultural Outreach Services, Children Who Witness Abuse and Stopping the Violence Counselling

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Vancouver

Battered Women's Support Services

PO Box 21503

Vancouver BC V5L 5G2

Tel: 604 687-1868

Fax: 604 687-1864

Family Services of Greater Vancouver

1616 West 7th Avenue Vancouver BC V6J 1S5

Tel: 604 874-2938

Women Against Violence Against Women

PO Box 29084

Vancouver BC V6J 5C2 Tel: 604 255-6228

Fax: 604 255-3579

MOSAIC

Vancouver BC

Tel: 604 254-9626 Fax: 604 254-3932

Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services

306 - 4980 Kingsway Burnaby BC V5H 4K7 Tel: 604 436-1025

Fax: 604 436-3267

Counselling

Young Women's Christian Association of Vancouver

Vancouver BC Tel: 604 734-5722 Fax: 604 734-0741

* Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling, Outreach Services and

Second-stage Housing

Helping Spirit Lodge Society

Vancouver BC Tel: 604 872-6649 Fax: 604 873-4402

* Transition House

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

Tel: 604 430-5202 Fax: 604 730-7660 * Transition House

Vancouver Rape Relief Society

Tel: 604 872-8212 Fax: 604 876-8450 * Transition House

The Salvation Army (Kate Booth House)

Tel: 604 872-0772 Fax: 604 872-7775 * Transition House

Act II Child & Family Services Society

Coquitlam BC Tel: 604 937-7776 Fax: 604 937-7334 * Second-stage Housing

Vancouver – Downtown Eastside

Atira Women's Resource Society

204 - 15210 North Bluff Road White Rock BC V4B 3E6

Tel: 604 331-1407 Fax: 604 531-9145

Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association

Tel: 604 681-8480 Fax: 604 681-8470 * Outreach Services

^{*} Stopping the Violence Counselling

^{*} Stopping the Violence and Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling

^{*} Stopping the Violence Counselling

^{*} Stopping the Violence Counselling and Multicultural Outreach Services

^{*} Multicultural Outreach Services and Children Who Witness Abuse

^{*} Stopping the Violence Counselling and Second-stage Housing