



## Community Coordination for Safety in Relationships CCSR

### Values / Beliefs

**We Believe:** that by committing to ending violence in relationships, we will lead ourselves to a healthier community

**We Believe:** all community members have the right to fair and reasonable access to information and support regarding their human and legal rights

**We Believe:** violence is: 1) any physical contact intended to harm, control or intimidate and/or 2) any unwanted physical/ sexual contact and/or 3) psychological or behavioural tactics used to control and instill feelings of fear, intimidation, humiliation, powerlessness, degradation and isolation

**We Believe:** that relationship violence will end through innovation, education and leadership

**We Believe:** by building community relationships, we will create bridges in services and lead to eliminating gaps

**We Believe:** effective professional partnerships to support those who have or will be, victims of violence, helps to keep them safe

**We Believe:** that an increased collaboration among community based agencies and systems will lead to improved access for women who are faced with particular discrimination (aboriginal, cultural minority, disabled and elderly)

**We Believe:** in equality and respect our diversity between our professional partnerships

**We Believe:** the majority of those victimized by relationship violence are women and the majority of those perpetrating the violence are men

**We Believe:** men are victimized by relationship violence and those men require the full support of community professional services

**We Believe:** men and women in same sex relationships can be victimized by relationship violence and require the full support of community professional services

**We Believe:** voluntary supportive counselling services must be available for victims of relationship violence as well as those who perpetrate the violence

**We Believe:** relationship violence is a crime and we support and encourage a criminal justice system response

**We Believe:** relationship violence crosses all ethnic, socio-economic and religious boundaries. Initiatives to address this violence must be sensitive to culture and religion of the individuals involved, as well as any socio-economic and/ or language barriers.  
**We Believe:** relationship violence has a profound destructive and long-lasting impact on children

**We Believe:** relationship violence is destructive to family relationships, individual, community and society as a whole

**We Believe:** that freedom of choice, dignity and respect must be the right of all members of our community